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Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Line Project

Scoping Report

September 2009

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1. Introduction

On December 18, 2007, Baja Wind U.S. Transmission, LLC (now, Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC (ESJ)), a subsidiary of Sempra Generation (Sempra), applied to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038, and 10 CFR §205.320 *et seq* (2000). The Presidential permit (OE Docket Number PP-334), if issued, would authorize ESJ to construct, operate, maintain, and connect the U.S. portion of the ESJ project, which consists of an electric transmission line that would cross the international border between the U.S. and Mexico, near the town of Jacumba, California. A project overview is provided below, and additional project details are provided in ESJ's December 18, 2007, application letter to DOE, as amended on March 19, 2008, and August 25, 2008. All of these documents are available on the ESJ project Web site at http://ESJProjectEIS.org, and on the DOE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the DOE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the DOE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the POE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the POE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the POE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the POE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the POE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the POE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the POE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the POE Web site at http://essJProjectEIS.org, and on the POE Web site at <a h

For the purposes of this Scoping Report and the EIS, the term "ESJ U.S. Transmission Line Project" refers to all ESJ project transmission line activities within the U.S., and the term "ESJ Wind Project" refers to all ESJ project activities within Mexico.²

DOE initially determined that the appropriate level of environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) for granting the requested Presidential permit was an Environmental Assessment (EA). Accordingly, on August 4, 2008, DOE published in the Federal Register its Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment and to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings; Baja Wind U.S. Transmission, LLC. (73 FR 45218). The Notice of Intent (NOI) explained that DOE would be assessing potential environmental impacts and issues. The NOI was sent to interested parties including federal, state and local officials; agency representatives; tribes; conservation organizations; local libraries and newspapers; and local stakeholder organizations and individuals in the vicinity of the proposed transmission line. Issuance of the NOI commenced a 30-day public comment period that ended on September 3, 2008. The NOI also stated that, "[if] at any time during preparation of the EA DOE

¹ According to Sempra's August 28, 2009, letter to DOE (available on the ESJ project Web site), in its initial application, Sempra made reference to Baja Wind, S. de R.L. de C.V. (Baja Wind), a subsidiary of Sempra Energy Mexico, as the entity undertaking the development in Mexico of the La Rumorosa Wind Energy Project. Baja Wind, S. de R.L. de C.V., was renamed Energia Sierra Juarez S. de R.L. de C.V. (ESJ Wind) to more accurately reflect the location of the Project. Sempra Energy no longer refers to the project as La Rumorosa Wind or any such derivatives and instead uses the term Energia Sierra Juarez, ESJ, or ESJ Wind. Energia Sierra Juarez S. de R.L. de C.V. remains a subsidiary of Sempra Energy Mexico.

² The term "transmission" is used throughout this document for purposes of clarity. It is understood that, in accordance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) terminology, the proposed transmission line will be a generation tie-line ("Gen-Tie"). As such, the transmission line, if approved and constructed, will not be required to provide open access transmission capability, as defined in applicable FERC regulations.

determines that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) rather than an EA is needed, DOE will issue a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS in the <u>Federal Register</u>. In that case, this scoping process will serve as the scoping process that normally would follow a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS. Accordingly, DOE will consider any comments on the scope of the EA received during this scoping process in preparing such an EIS."

DOE conducted two scoping meetings in San Diego County, California, in the town of Jacumba on August 26, 2008, during the public comment period on the NOI. The meetings provided the public with the opportunity to learn more about the proposed project and to provide comments on potential environmental issues associated with the project. A total of 18 people spoke at the meetings, and their comments were transcribed by a court reporter. (Transcripts of the scoping meetings are posted on the aforementioned ESJ project Web site and on the DOE Web site.) In addition, DOE received scoping comments in the form of eight written letters from private citizens, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations. All of these comments are available on the ESJ project Web site.

Several issues and concerns were identified during scoping, including: (1) visual impacts, (2) avian mortality, (3) impacts on protected, threatened, endangered, or sensitive species of animals or plants, or their critical habitats, (4) impacts on cultural or historic resources, (6) impacts on human health and safety with particular focus on wildfire hazards, (6) impacts on air, soil, and water, (7) impacts on land use, (8) impacts of seismic activity, and (9) impacts from development of wind generation. There were also several expressions of concern that an EA was not adequate, and that an EIS should be prepared.

Based on these comments and the potential for public controversy, DOE determined an EIS to be the proper NEPA compliance document. Accordingly, on February 25, 2009, DOE issued in the Federal Register its Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC (74 FR 8517). Similar to the first NOI, the NOI was sent to interested parties including federal, state and local officials; agency representatives; tribes; conservation organizations; local libraries and newspapers; and local stakeholder organizations and individuals in the vicinity of the proposed project. The NOI did not announce the opening of an additional scoping period, but it did indicate that any additional comments received by March 27, 2009, would be considered by DOE in defining the scope of the EIS, and that comments received or postmarked after that date would be considered to the extent practicable. In response to the February 25, 2009, NOI, DOE received seven written letters or emails from private citizens, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations, including one letter from a Native American Tribe. All comments received in response to the two NOIs are available on the ESJ project Web site.

On June 29, 2009, DOE received a letter from the Campo Band of the Kumeyaay Nation requesting a consultation meeting between the Campo Band and DOE on this project to discuss cultural resources and historic preservation activities. A member of the EIS preparation team met with the Campo Band on September 16, 2009, to discuss the project and provide for further coordination during the EIS preparation.

Table 1 summarizes the major issues raised during the overall scoping process and indicates which sections of DOE's EIS will address these concerns as presently envisioned. DOE's Draft EIS will also contain a section that summarizes the comments received during scoping and how they are addressed. Table 2 provides a list of the commenters. A more detailed list of comments received during scoping is included in the Appendix.

2. Project Chronology to Date

The following timeline summarizes the scoping process events described above:

| December 18, 2007 | DOE received Baja Wind (now ESJ) project application |
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| March 19, 2008 | DOE received amended Baja Wind (now ESJ) project application, including additional information on the 230-kilovolt (kV) optional transmission line design |
| August 4, 2008 | DOE issued Federal Register NOI to Prepare an EA |
| August 25, 2008 | Second letter amendment to the Baja Wind project application to change the project name from Baja Wind U.S. Transmission, LLC, to Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC (ESJ) |
| August 26, 2008 | Public scoping meetings in Jacumba, California |
| September 3, 2008 | Scoping period ended |
| February 25, 2009 | DOE issued Federal Register NOI to Prepare an EIS |
| March 27, 2009 | End of period to submit additional comments on the scope of the EIS |

3. Project Overview

The ESJ project is described in the December 18, 2007, application letter to DOE as amended by additional correspondence on March 19, 2008, and August 25, 2008. All of these documents are available on the ESJ project Web site at http://ESJProjectEIS.org and on the DOE Web site at

http://www.oe.energy.gov/permits_pending.htm; see PP-334.

According to ESJ's application and subsequent amendments, either a double-circuit 230-kilovolt (kV) or a single-circuit 500-kV electric transmission line would interconnect up to 1250 megawatts (MW) of energy from renewable energy generators to be located in the general vicinity of La Rumorosa, Northern Baja California, Mexico (Ejido Jacume), with the Imperial Valley-Miguel segment of the Southwest PowerLink (SWPL)³ 500-kV transmission line. The proposed transmission line would have a total length of approximately 1.65 miles (including both the U.S. and Mexican portions of the line). The proposed line would be constructed on lattice towers or steel monopoles, extending south from the point of interconnection with SWPL for about 0.65 miles to the U.S.-Mexico international border. From the international border, the proposed line would continue south for approximately one more mile to its first point of interconnection inside Mexico. If the interconnecting line is at 230 kV, the 230/500 kV transformation would occur at a new substation that would be built in the U.S. by San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) as part of its East County (ECO) Substation project. If the interconnecting line is at 500 kV, a substation would also be required in Mexico.

The proposed action considered in this EIS is the issuance of a Presidential permit by DOE that would authorize the construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of that portion of the proposed transmission line that would be located in the U.S. (i.e., the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line project, approximately 0.65 miles in length). In addition, the EIS considers potential impacts within the U.S. from connected transmission facilities in Mexico and from the associated renewable generation project in Mexico (the ESJ Wind project) (e.g., visual impacts in the U.S. from transmission lines and wind turbine facilities in Mexico or dust from construction in Mexico entering the U.S.). The ESJ U.S. Transmission Line project would include approximately four or five 150-foot tall support structures, either monopole towers or steel lattice towers similar to the existing 500-kV SWPL structures. Towers would be spaced approximately 1,500 feet apart.

At the interconnection point with the SWPL, a loop-in substation (East County (ECO) Substation) would be constructed, owned, operated, and maintained by SDG&E, a public utility. The ECO Substation would occupy approximately 80 acres between the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line project transmission line and Old Highway 80, in close proximity to the existing SWPL. The specific design, location, and acreage requirement for the ECO Substation are expected to be determined as a result of a decision process between SDG&E and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). SDG&E states that it

³ "San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E) single 500 kV interconnection to the grid is the Southwest PowerLink (SWPL), a 500 kV transmission line connecting the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in Arizona and SDG&E's Miguel Substation in California. ... The SWPL is owned jointly by SDG&E, Arizona Public Service, and the Imperial Irrigation District." (http://www.sdge.com/sunrisepowerlink/info/PEA/Chapter 1/Chapter1 executive summary.pdf)

needs to build the ECO Substation for purposes unrelated to the ESJ U.S. Transmission project, but the ESJ transmission project would require the addition of adequate infrastructure to the substation facility. Accordingly, the construction of the ECO Substation is considered to be a connected action for the purpose of this EIS.

The ESJ Wind project in Mexico would be constructed in phases. A maximum of 52 wind turbines would be constructed in Phase I, depending on the selected manufacturer and specific model, resulting in up to 130 MW of power (assuming 2.5 MW per turbine). Phase I would be constructed on the furthest-north portion of the land leased by ESJ (Ejido Jacume), north of the town of La Rumorosa, Mexico. Figure 1 depicts the general location of the project in eastern San Diego County and Baja California. Figure 2 provides a more detailed map of Phase I of the ESJ Wind project and proposed project locations. The wind turbine locations shown on Figure 2 are preliminary and subject to refinement based on ongoing siting studies. As shown on Figure 2, the wind turbines nearest to the U.S. would be located approximately 0.7 miles south of the U.S. border. Figure 3 provides additional details of the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line project components that are proposed to be constructed in the U.S.

Subsequent expansion of the ESJ Wind project in Mexico would consist of additional phases of wind generation, up to a maximum build-out of 1250 MW⁴. The timing and location for installation of subsequent phases have not been determined, but current leaseholds would place the location of those subsequent phases south of the town of La Rumorosa. The location and scale of subsequent phase development, to the extent known, is considered in the EIS to the degree that such development could result in effects in the U.S.

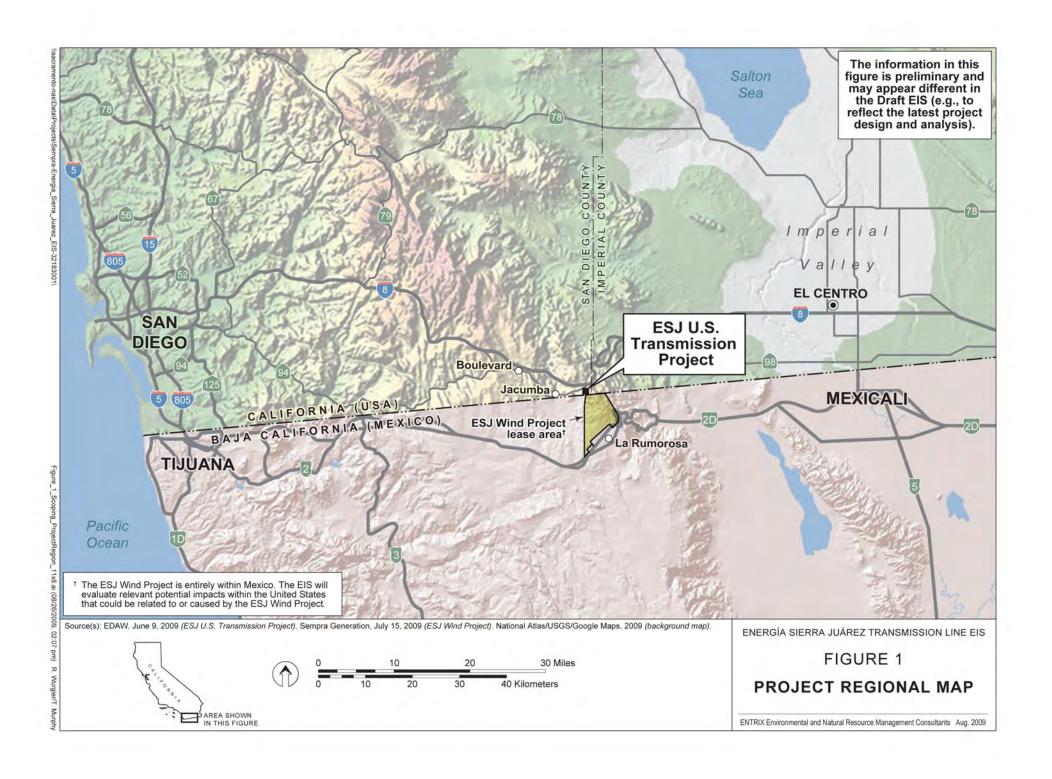
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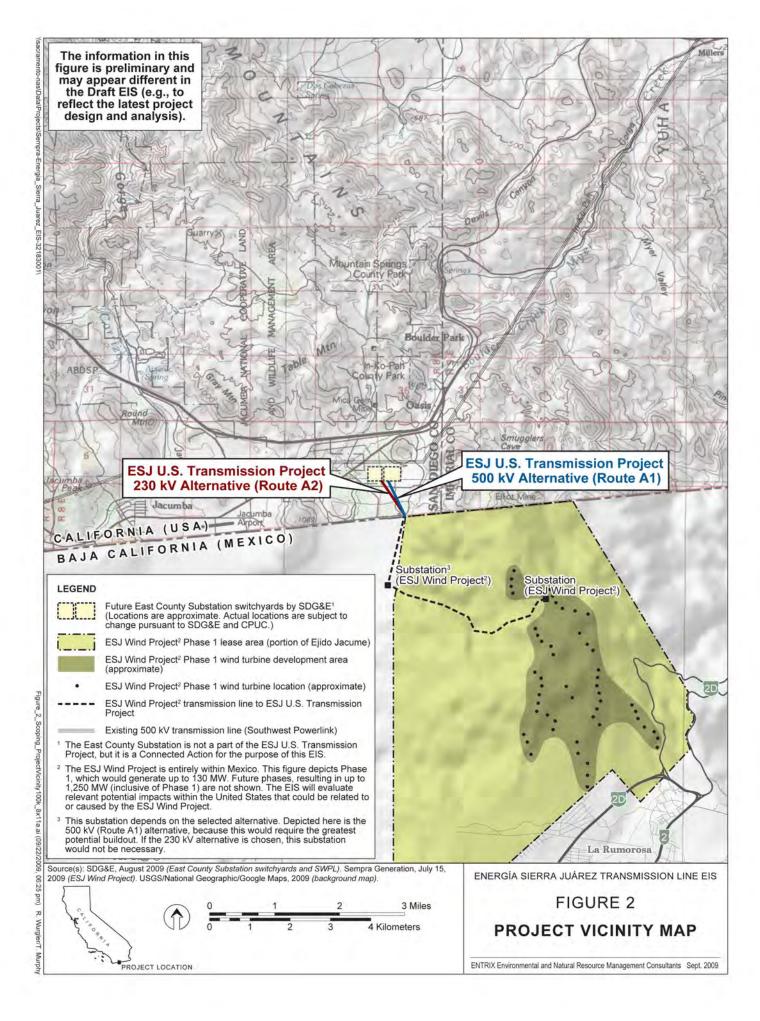
The complete collection of scoping comments, including written letters and meeting transcripts, are available on the aforementioned ESJ project Web site. A summary of the comments is provided in this report in Tables 1 and 2 below. Table 1 provides a summary of the issues raised during the scoping process, arranged by the section heading which will address each issue in the DOE's EIS. Table 2 lists the individual commenters and date of each comment. A more detailed list of the comments received is included in the Appendix, arranged by commenter.

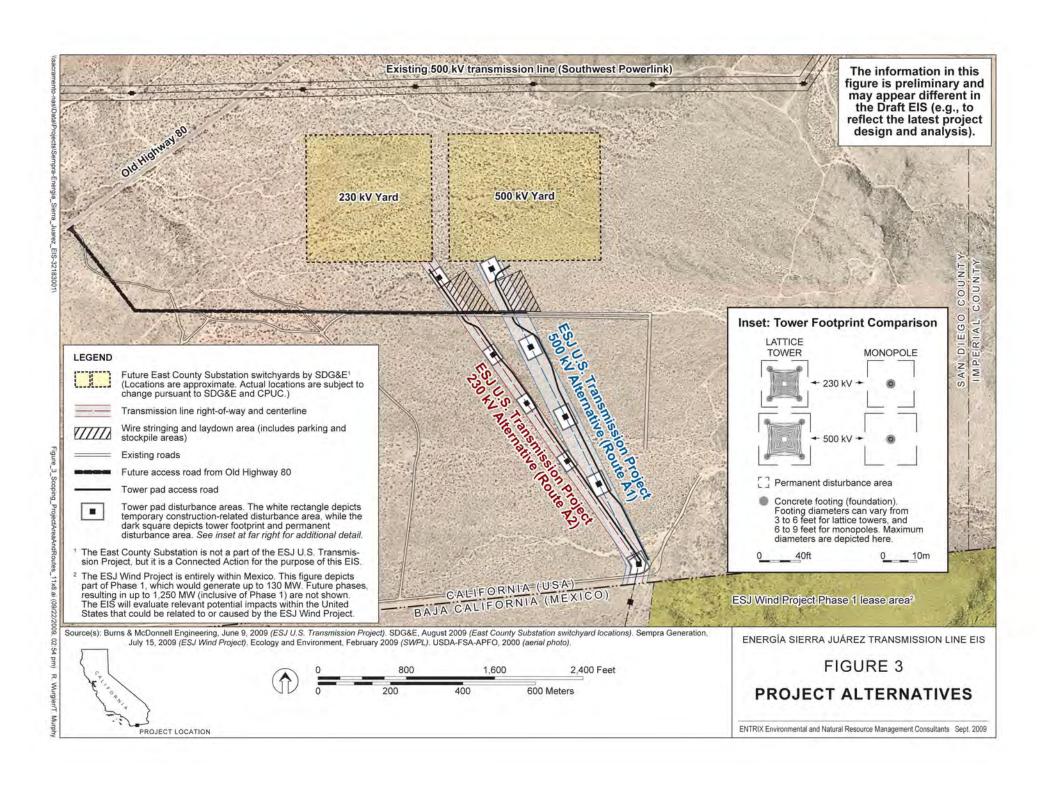
⁴ According to Sempra's August 28, 2009, letter to DOE (available on the project Web site), "ESJ U.S. Transmission requests that the import capacity in the Presidential permit be limited to the physical capacity of the [transmission] line (1250 MW) and that power on this line be limited to renewable energy projects." The letter states that, to date, "Sempra

⁽¹²⁵⁰ MW) and that power on this line be limited to renewable energy projects." The letter states that, to date, "Sempra has submitted three interconnection requests to the California Independent System Operator (Cal-ISO), totaling 1120 MW. Although it is possible to submit interconnection requests to completely fill the physical capacity of the [transmission] line, interconnection requests to the Cal-ISO are very expensive and have a limited shelf life. It is unclear how long it will take ESJ Wind to reach the 1120 MW that it currently has in interconnection requests, and therefore it is not prudent to submit additional requests to completely fill the line's capacity."

DOE's Draft EIS will also contain a section that summarizes the comments received during scoping and how they are addressed.







| Table 1. Summary of Scoping Comments Received by DOE | | | |
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| Where Addressed in the EIS | Concerns/Comments | | |
| Introduction | Level of environmental review in an EA will be inadequate, and an EIS is required, due to level of controversy related to SWPL, and potentially significant direct, indirect and cumulative effects related to federally protected species (including Peninsular bighorn sheep and Quino checkerspot butterfly); various native plant species; cultural resources; visual resources; community character; wildfire hazards; power reliability; and greenhouse gases. | | |
| | Include assessment and mitigation of impacts related to proposed project components in Mexico; the ecosystem effects in Mexico will also be felt in California due to the cross-border interconnectedness of the systems. | | |
| | Review BLM analysis of impacts in the Sunrise Powerlink Project RDEIR/S, and reconcile any different conclusions reached in the ESJ analysis. | | |
| | Require the recommended permit conditions contained in March 24, 2008 letter; and include a permit condition that would restrict the project to transmission of wind power (e.g., similar to Presidential Permit No. PP-235-2). | | |
| | • Clarify the project's relationship to the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NEITC). | | |
| | Clarify the process for future amendments to the Presidential permit. | | |
| | The document should address all of the significant impacts related to the Baja Wind (now ESJ) project that were identified in the SWPL EIR/EIS. | | |
| | Discuss relationship of the project with other power sources in the region. Address the indirect impacts of increased capacity on SWPL due to lack of capacity to handle the proposed project's power supply. Discuss the effects of the proposed power to offset power from other sources (e.g., by taking priority over the Mexicali Power Plant). | | |
| | Explain the purpose of the project and demonstrate the need for the project. | | |
| | Discuss reliability of power imported from Mexico, which is outside of U.S. control. | | |
| Proposed Action and Alternatives | Include in the Project Description additional specific project details (e.g., more information on turbine locations, acreage requirements, assumed design and operational standards, and monitoring data in support of design). | | |
| | Assess alternatives of expanding existing transmission infrastructure within Mexico. | | |

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| Where Addressed in the EIS | Concerns/Comments | | |
| Proposed Action and Alternatives (cont.) | Assess alternative of undergrounding all or portions of the power line. | | |
| | Assess alternatives for fire safety risks based on recent industry and agency reports. | | |
| | Discuss the need for gas-powered backup generation, and assess related impacts. | | |
| | Provide a rationale for the proposed 100-foot easement; this width appears larger than needed based on other narrower easements. | | |
| Affected Environment, Impacts, and Mitigations (all resource areas) | Include assessment and mitigation of impacts related to proposed project components in Mexico. | | |
| | Review BLM analysis of impacts in the Sunrise Powerlink Project RDEIR/S, and reconcile any different conclusions reached in the ESJ analysis. | | |
| | The document should address all of the significant impacts related to the Baja Wind (now ESJ) project that were identified in the SWPL EIR/EIS. | | |
| Biological Resources | Include assessment of impacts related to proposed project components in Mexico; the ecosystem effects in Mexico will also be felt in California due to the cross-border interconnectedness of the systems. | | |
| | Minimize impacts on present and potential future preserve lands within the Las Californias Binational Conservation Initiative; avoid land that would be necessary to meet preserve objectives. | | |
| | Include sufficient data on migratory birds and assess turbine locations to minimize impacts on birds. | | |
| | Assess impacts from road construction on habitats. | | |
| | Discuss wildlife movement, including Peninsular bighorn sheep. Discuss avoidance and minimization measures to offset unavoidable impacts. | | |
| | Assess impacts on federally protected species including Peninsular bighorn sheep and Quino checkerspot butterfly, as well as California condor flyway and various native plant species. | | |
| | Peninsular bighorn sheep and Quino checkerspot butterfly proposed and designated critical habitats are within or immediately adjacent to the proposed alternative alignments. Address species and critical habitat, including increased non-native invasive plants, fire, etc. from the transmission line on the critical habitats elements. | | |

| Table 1. Summary of Scoping Comments Received by DOE | | |
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| Where Addressed in the EIS | Concerns/Comments | |
| Biological Resources (cont.) | Quantify direct and indirect impacts of each project component on listed species (e.g., Peninsular bighorn sheep and Quino checkerspot butterfly) and their habitats. Include maps that depict the locations of project features, vegetation types, known occurrences of listed species, suitable habitat for listed species, and proximity of project alignments to designated and proposed critical habitats. Use up-to-date habitat assessments and species survey data. | |
| Visual Resources | Assess visual effects of substation and wind turbines. | |
| | Assess night lighting impacts due to night lighting fixtures on the turbines and at the proposed East County Substation. | |
| | Discuss visual impacts due to size of the turbines. | |
| | The photo simulations for the visual assessment need to be realistic. | |
| | • The visual assessment needs to account for the fact that the turbines will be in motion, and thus the project will attract the attention of viewers. | |
| | Visual assessment should account for the repeating pattern of long turbine shadows and the effect of these shadows on the viewing experience. | |
| | The area of disturbance and visual effect should be broadly considered to include more than the immediate project footprint; it should also include surrounding area affected by traffic-induced dust; and include all areas affected electromagnetically. | |
| Land Use | Assess project's compatibility with San Diego County's planning goals related to preservation of rural character and effects of increased industrialization of the project area. | |
| Cultural Resources | The project area has significant archeological resources. The EIS should consider the cultural resources within the project area and in the natural landscape. | |
| | The project is within the Quechan Tribe's traditional land area and there are several resources affiliated with the Tribe in the area. Allow the Tribe to participate in the cultural resource evaluation. | |
| Public Health and Safety | Increased road construction could lead to increased illegal activity related to the U.S./Mexico border. | |
| | Increased overhead transmission lines could lead to fire hazards and safety hazards for Border Patrol aircraft. | |

| Table 1. Summary of Scoping Comments Received by DOE | | |
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| Public Health and Safety (cont.) | Discuss reliability of the power line due to its location near the border and its vulnerability to damage due to illegal border activity. | |
| Fire and Fuels Management | Discuss fire hazards related to turbine fires. | |
| | Discuss ability to maintain clear areas under power lines. | |
| Air Quality and Climate Change | Project area air quality is a concern. Assess the proposed project's effects related to traffic- induced dust due to increased off-road vehicle traffic and increased Border Patrol traffic. | |
| | Discuss the overall project's greenhouse gas impacts in the context of the U.S. and California regulations related to greenhouse gases. | |
| | Incorporate measures to reduce emissions of sulfur hexafluoride. | |
| Water Resources | Assess potential groundwater impacts; groundwater is scarce in the project area. | |
| Environmental Justice | Assess Environmental Justice. | |
| Connected Action | Include assessment of other infrastructure projects that could be linked, in particular the Sunrise Powerlink Project and the East County Substation Project. | |
| | Assess night lighting impacts due to night lighting fixtures on the turbines and at the proposed East County Substation. | |
| Cumulative Impacts | Include assessment of other infrastructure projects that could be linked, in particular the Sunrise Powerlink Project and the East County Substation Project. | |
| | Assess cumulative impacts on cultural resources due to multiple projects being proposed in the area. Assess the cultural landscape from a holistic perspective. | |
| | Assess cumulative effects related to of the expansion of the Boulevard Substation. Cumulative effects include electric and magnetic effects and nuisance noise due to substation expansion. | |
| Electrical Transmission System Operation and Reliability | Discuss reliability of power imported from Mexico, which is outside of U.S. control. | |

| Table 2. Directory of Stakeholder Comments as of May 7, 2009 | | |
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| Stakeholder Name and Affiliation | Comment Date and Source | |
| Federal Agencies | | |
| Karen A. Goebel, Assistant Field Supervisor, US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office | March 26, 2009, letter to DOE | |
| Native American Tribes | | |
| Bridget R. Nash-Chrabascz, Quechan Tribe Historic Preservation Officer, Quechan Indian Tribe | March 9, 2009, email to DOE | |
| State Agencies | | |
| No State agency comments were received. | | |
| Local Government Agencies | | |
| Dianne Jacob, Second District Supervisor, San Diego County Board of Supervisors | September 3, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| Eric Gibson, Director, San Diego County Department of | March 27, 2009, letter to DOE | |
| Planning and Land Use | September 3, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| Non-Governmental Organizations and Individuals | | |
| Aaron Quintanar, Border Power Plant Working Group | March 27, 2009, letter to DOE | |
| Steven Siegel, Center for Biological Diversity and | September 3, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| Sierra Club | March 24, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| Barbara Chamberlain, Chairman, and Robin M. Simmons, Vice-Chairman, The Committee for Responsible Growth | September 2, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| Donna Tisdale, President, Backcountry Against Dumps | April 10, 2009, email to DOE | |
| | March 27, 2009, letter to DOE | |
| Donna Tisdale, Boulevard Planning Group | March 27, 2009, letter to DOE | |
| | September 3, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting June 23, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| | March 21, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| Bill Parsons | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Anita Williams | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Gary Hoyt | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Ray Lutz | August 22, 2008, email to DOE | |
| | August 26, 2008 public scoping meeting | |
| Edie Harmon | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
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| Table 2. Directory of Stakeholder Comments as of May 7, 2009 (cont.) | | | |
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| Stakeholder Name and Affiliation | Comment Date and Source | | |
| Mark Ostrander | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |
| LeAnn Carmichael | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |
| Diane Conklin | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |
| Gerald Yops | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |
| Dennis Trafecanty | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |
| Bill Powers, Power Plant Working Group | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |
| Aaron Quintanar, Border Power Plant Working Group | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |
| Kevin Krekelberg, Citizens United for Sensible Power | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |
| Jeffrey McKernan | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |
| Karen McIntyre | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |
| Laura McKernan | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |

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Introduction

The following table summarizes the individual comments made by each commenter. For the purposes of this Scoping Report, the comments are paraphrased and condensed from the actual comments; however, the environmental analysis included in the EIS will rely on the full text of the comments as submitted. A copy of the actual complete comments is available on the ESJ project Web site at

http://www.esjprojecteis.org/documents.htm.

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| Federal Agencies | | | | |
| Karen A. Goebel, Assistant Field Supervisor, U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and | The project may impact wildlife movement, including Peninsular bighorn sheep. This potential impact should be assessed in the EIS including a discussion of appropriate avoidance and minimization measures. Mitigation to offset unavoidable impacts should be addressed in the context of the NEPA analysis. | Biological Resources | March 26, 2009, letter to Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE | |
| Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office Role: Biological | Peninsular bighorn sheep and Quino checkerspot butterfly proposed and designated critical habitats are within or immediately adjacent to the proposed alternative alignments. Impacts on the species and critical habitat should be addressed, including increased non-native invasive plants, fire, etc. from the transmission line on the primary constituent elements of the critical habitats. | Biological Resources | | |
| resources | • The EIS should include all the necessary information to accurately quantify the potential direct and indirect impacts of each project component on listed species (e.g., Peninsular bighorn sheep and Quino checkerspot butterfly) and their habitats. A series of maps should be included that depict the locations of project features, such as towers, permanent and temporary access roads, and staging areas. These maps, at a minimum, should also include vegetation types, known occurrences of listed species, suitable habitat for listed species, and proximity of project alignments to designated and proposed critical habitats. The information requested above should be based on up-to-date habitat assessments and species surveys in the project area. | Biological Resources | | |
| | The federally-listed Peninsular bighorn sheep and Quino checkerspot butterfly are known to occur within or near the project area; therefore, consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act may be required. | Biological Resources | | |

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| Native American Tribes | s | | |
| Bridget R. Nash- Chrabascz, Quechan Tribe Historic Preservation Officer, Quechan Indian Tribe Role: Cultural Resources | The EIS should consider the cultural and biological resources within the project area and in the natural landscape. The project is within the Tribe's traditional land area and there are several resources affiliated with the Tribe in the area. The Tribe requests that they be allowed to participate in the evaluation of cultural resources. The landscape should be assessed from a holistic perspective. The EIS should assess cumulative impacts due to multiple projects being proposed in the area. | Cultural Resources Biological Resources Cultural Resources Cultural Resources Cultural Resources Cultural Resources Cumulative Impacts | March 9, 2009, email to Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE |
| State Agencies | | | |
| No State agency comments were received. | | | |
| Local Government Age | encies | | l |
| Dianne Jacob, Second District Supervisor, San Diego County Board of Supervisors Role: Stakeholder and Permitting Agency | Level of environmental review in an EA will be inadequate. An EIS is required due to potentially significant direct and indirect effects related to biological resources, cultural resources, visual resources, community character, wildfire hazards, and power reliability. Project should not be considered independently of other infrastructure projects that could be linked, in particular the Sunrise Powerlink Project and the East County Substation Project. Project would be inconsistent with San Diego County's planning goals related to preservation of rural character. | Land Use Visual Resources Public Health and Safety Electrical Reliability Cumulative Impacts Connected Action | September 3, 2008, letter to DOE |

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| Dianne Jacob (cont.) | Reliability of power imported from Mexico is a concern because this area is out of the U.S. control. | Land Use Electrical Reliability | | |
| Eric Gibson, Director, San Diego County Department of Planning and Land Use | Note: the County of San Diego's March 27, 2009 and September 3, 2008 letters are very similar; therefore the comments are combined below to reduce repetition. • County concurs that an EIS is appropriate. | | March 27, 2009, letter to Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE | |
| Role: Stakeholder and | County is concerned about quality of life in project area communities. Project could have negative effects on lands purchased by the County | Socioeconomics | and | |
| Permitting Agency | for conservation and impact planning efforts for an East County Plan being developed under the Multiples Species Conservation Plan (MSCP). | Land Use | September 3, 2008, letter to Ellen Russell, | |
| | Refer to County staff's September 3, 2008 written comments and August 26, 2008 oral comments. | N/A | DOE | |
| | County supports alternative energy such as wind and solar. | N/A | | |
| | NOI should be corrected to disclose that ESJ will rely upon the Sunrise Power Link (SPL) or other transmission upgrade. | N/A | | |
| | The EIS should evaluate impacts and develop mitigations using the County's Guidelines, available online. | N/A | | |
| | The conclusions related to connected actions reached by BLM in the SPL project should also be applied to the ESJ project. Effects of La Rumorosa should be analyzed in the EIS using available information regarding turbine siting, roads, etc. | N/A | | |
| | Analyze cumulative impacts from connected actions including SPL, ECO Substation, new 69 kV line, communication tower, and expanded Boulevard Substation. | Cumulative Impacts Connected Actions | | |
| | Cumulative impacts should also consider ESJ right-of-way for pipelines to import natural gas from Mexico to U.S.; other renewable energy or | Cumulative Impacts | | |

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| Eric Gibson (cont.) | other energy projects in border region; East County MSCP; County General Plan Update. | | |
| | Cumulative impacts should also consider the DOE/BLM Solar PEIS, the BLM South Coast Resource Management Plan (RMP) Revision, and the BLM Eastern San Diego County Resource Management Plan (RMP) Revision. | Cumulative Impacts | |
| | Impose a condition on ESJ that limits power transmitted from La Rumorosa wind project | Purpose and Need | |
| | Analyze the project need, capacity, proposed locations, and wildfire risks; take into consideration the alternative of using urban structures for renewable energy; the importation of renewable energy imported from Imperial County. | Purpose and Need Proposed Action and Alternatives | |
| | Indicate the specific region or urban area for which the energy is needed. | Purpose and Need | |
| | Indicate whether the power is needed to meet federal renewable energy goals, California renewable energy goals, such as SB107, or energy goals in general. | Purpose and Need | |
| | Evaluate cultural resources impacts of the project and connected actions; consult South Coastal Information Center and the Museum of Man. | Cultural Resources Connected Action | |
| | The area has high scenic and recreational use qualities. Evaluate impacts on recreational uses. | Visual Resources Recreation | |
| | Evaluate trans-boundary effects in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidelines. | All resource areas | |
| | Place conditions on the Presidential permit that minimize harm in the U.S. while recognizing Mexico's sovereignty. | All resource areas | |
| | The ESJ project and related projects could alter the rural character of the area. Evaluate growth inducing effects of new industrial facilities, | Land Use Socioeconomics | |

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| Eric Gibson (cont.) | and evaluate impacts to the rural character of the existing communities. | | |
| | Clarify and evaluate maintenance activities. | Project Description | |
| | Evaluate effects on minority and low income communities (environmental justice). | Environmental Justice | |
| | Improve the accessibility of meetings, documents, and notices. | N/A | |
| | Evaluate impacts on the Jacumba Airport for flight safety and radio frequency interference. | Public Health and Safety | |
| | Evaluate scenic view sheds and vistas, including private residential areas, public parks and recreation areas, public roads. Address property value impacts. | Visual Resources | |
| | ESJ and connected actions including La Rumorosa should be sited to reduce or eliminate visual impacts. | Visual Resources | |
| | Evaluate corona noise from ESJ and connected actions; construction noise; turbine noise and vibration; and potential blasting that may be felt in the County. | Noise | |
| | Evaluate ignition potential (due to increased human activity, downed power lines, etc); increased hazard related to fire susceptibility (including cross-border fires). | Fire and Fuels Management | |
| | Evaluate undergrounding in the alternatives analysis. | Alternatives | |
| | Discuss coordination of fire fighting between U.S. and Mexico. | Fire and Fuels | |
| | Evaluate fugitive dust and other air pollutants from construction, maintenance, decommissioning, and operations, and from vegetation removal, including cross-border impacts. | Management Air Quality | |
| | Identify water source for construction, including construction and concrete mixing in Mexico; consider shared groundwater basins. Evaluate water used for revegetation and restoration. | Water Resources | |

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| Eric Gibson (cont.) | Evaluate impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and climate change; consider greenhouse gas and climate change impacts of alternatives including urban renewable locations; fossil fuel power generation that could use the same transmission lines. | Air Quality | |
| | Evaluate impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and climate change resulting from potential increased reliance on fossil fuel in Mexico as a result of their exporting renewable power to the U.S.; this could defeat the purpose of SB107 and result in increased air emissions in San Diego County from cross-border air pollution. | Air Quality | |
| | Evaluate impacts on designated areas of high biological value in the County's MSCP; demonstrate consistency with the MSCP and proposed covered species. | Biological Resources | |
| | Consider impacts on preliminary preserve design for regional habitat linkages and wildlife corridors, including cross-border corridors. | Biological Resources | |
| | Use the most current biological survey data. | 5 | |
| | Evaluate impacts on raptors, bats and nesting birds, including species that may migrate between U.S. and Maying. | Biological Resources | |
| | that may migrate between U.S. and Mexico. Evaluate introduction of non-native species; direct loss of habitat; dust impacts; impacts on wildlife movement and migratory behavior due to wind turbines; consistency with Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Endangered Species Act; electrocution and collision with transmission lines by birds; increased predation. | Biological Resources Biological Resources | |
| | Discuss impacts on County maintained roads; discuss road closures; coordinate with County Department of Public Works traffic staff to develop traffic plans and obtain traffic control permits and encroachment permits; indicate where the proposed access roads will traverse and/or connect to County maintained roads. Provide operational assessment for any new driveways/access points. | Transportation and Traffic Transportation and Traffic | |

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| Eric Gibson (cont.) | Consider a permit condition that is linked to a commitment that La Rumorosa will comply with U.S. environmental standards and use best available technologies. | Transportation and Traffic | |
| | Include an integrated pest management plan. Time the construction to avoid impacts on wildlife. Use existing roads to the extent feasible. Consider a fire management strategy. Include available details of the project elements in Mexico. | Biological Resources Fire and Fuels Management Proposed Action and | |
| | Describe status of permitting and related data and studies for project elements in Mexico; if this information has not gone through environmental review, consider postponing or conditioning the ESJ project so that it does not receive final approval until La Rumorosa has been finalized. | Alternatives Proposed Action and Alternative | |
| Non-Governmental Org | ganizations and Individuals | | |
| Aaron Quintanar, Border Power Plant | The ESJ project is subject to the findings/conclusions of the BLM and CPUC Final EIR/EIS. | N/A | March 27, 2009, letter to Dr. Jerry |
| Working Group | Industrialization of the area will impact ecosystems and bioregions, including cross-border habitat for Peninsular bighorn sheep, Quino checkerspot butterfly, and California condor. Address risk of electrocution to condors; bird collisions with turbines. | Biological Resources | Pell, DOE |
| | Maintenance roads will impact plant communities and introduce non- native invasive species. | Biological Resources | |
| | Project will impact the Las Californias Binational Conservation Initiative (LCBCI) conservation efforts by introducing large scale industrial project into the conservation site. | Biological Resources | |
| | Address adverse impacts related to vegetation type conversion due to wildfires caused by transmission lines. | Biological Resources | |

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| Aaron Quintanar (cont.) | Roads could serve as conduits for undocumented immigrants and illegal drugs entering the U.S. Consider alternatives of "in-basin" energy supplies (e.g., as part of the No Project Alternative). Refer to the July 2003 San Diego County Energy 2020 document. | Public Health and Safety Proposed Action and Alternatives | | |
| Steve Siegel, Center for Biological Diversity and Sierra Club Role: Environmental Group | Explain purpose and need of project. Assess alternatives of expanding existing infrastructure. Assess alternative of undergrounding all or portions of the power line. Level of environmental review in an EA will be inadequate, and an EIS is required, due to potentially significant direct, indirect and cumulative effects related to federally protected species (including Peninsular bighorn sheep and Quino checkerspot butterfly); various native plant species; and greenhouse gases. Review BLM analysis of impacts in the Sunrise Powerlink Project RDEIR/S, and reconcile any different conclusions reached in the ESJ analysis. Include assessment of impacts related to project components in Mexico; the ecosystem effects in Mexico will also be felt in California due to the cross-border interconnectedness of the systems. Minimize impacts on present and potential future preserve lands within the Las Californias Binational Conservation Initiative; avoid land that would be necessary to meet preserve objectives. Include sufficient data on migratory birds and assess turbine locations to minimize impacts on birds. Assess alternatives for fire safety risks based on recent industry and agency reports. | Purpose and Need Proposed Action and Alternatives Proposed Action and Alternatives Biological Resources All resource areas All resource areas Biological Resources Biological Resources Fire and Fuels Management | March 24, 2008, and September 3, 2008, letters to DOE | |

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| Steve Siegel (cont.) | Require the recommended permit conditions contained in March 24, 2008, letter (summarized below); and include a permit condition that would restrict the project to transmission of wind power (e.g., similar to Presidential Permit No. PP-235-2). | Fire and Fuels Management | | |
| | Include in the Project Description additional specific project details than is provided in the application (e.g., more information on turbine locations, assumed design and operational standards, and monitoring data in support of design). | Proposed Action and Alternatives | | |
| Steve Siegel, Center for Biological Diversity and Sierra Club | Specific wind development location information is needed, including data on wind speed and direction, wind shear, temperature and humidity; these data can be used to assess impacts on birds, and to assess fire risks. | Proposed Action and Alternatives Biological Resources | March 24, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| Role: Environmental | Site testing is needed for the Quino checkerspot butterfly habitat. | Biological Resources | | |
| Group | Refer to all of the impacts and mitigations identified in the Sunrise DEIR/DIES, including the following impacts: | | | |
| | Change in rural character due to introduction of industrial features. | Land Use | | |
| | Project appears to be located on the documented Jacumba Quino checkerspot butterfly population. | Biological Resources | | |
| | Construction of access roads and project structures will lead to loss of sensitive habitat vegetation in US and Mexico. | Biological Resources | | |
| | Tree trimming could violate Migratory Bird Treaty Act. | Biological Resources | | |
| | Increased risk of wildfire could lead to type conversion of habitat, and introduction of non-native invasive species. | Biological Resources | | |
| | Construction will impact jurisdictional waters. | Water Resources | | |
| | Construction dust will impact vegetation. | Biological Resources | | |

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| Steve Siegel (cont.) | Construction and maintenance will have direct and indirect impacts on threatened and endangered wildlife including Peninsular bighorn sheep, Quino checkerspot butterfly, and barefoot banded gecko. | Biological Resources | | |
| | Loss of nesting birds and bat nesting colonies. | Biological Resources | | |
| | Listed migratory birds and bats could collide with transmission lines and turbines. | Biological Resources | | |
| | California condors could be electrocuted in transmission lines. | Dialogical December | | |
| | Refer to applicable testimony in the Sunrise proceeding related to the regional cross-border ecosystem and relate management efforts; potential habitat loss for listed species; high fire-prone nature of the project areas; direct and indirect effects of transmission lines; and change in rural character. | Biological Resources Biological Resources | | |
| | Incorporate the applicable recommended permit conditions in the Sunrise DEIR/DIES, including: | | | |
| | Limit the permitted use to wind generation. | | | |
| | Incorporate safety recommendations from an investigation and rulemaking requested by SDG&E regarding wildfire risk from overhead power lines. | Fire and Fuels Management | | |
| | Reduce emissions of sulfur hexafluoride from transmission line operations consistent with SCE and PG&E procedures. | Air Quality | | |
| | Incorporate California Energy Commission's Guidelines for Reducing Impacts to Birds and Bats from Wind Energy Development and guidelines from the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee. | Biological Resources | | |
| | Incorporate mitigations identified through consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ensure the power line is located outside the habitat needed by Peninsular bighorn sheep and | Biological Resources | | |

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| Steve Siegel (cont.) | Quino checkerspot butterfly. Include measures to reduce light pollution. Do not impair planning vision for Las Califorinias Binational Conservation Initiative. | Visual Resources Biological Resources | | |
| Barbara Chamberlain, Chairman, and Robin M. Simmons, Vice- Chairman, The Committee for Responsible Growth Role: Citizen Group | Level of environmental review in an EA will be inadequate, and an EIS is required, due to potentially significant direct and cumulative effects on eastern San Diego County residents and wildlife Assess visual effects of substation and turbines Assess night lighting impacts Assess wildfires Assess Environmental Justice Assess impacts from road construction on habitats | Biological Resources Visual Resources Connected Actions Fire and Fuels Management Environmental Justice Biological Resources | September 2, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| Donna Tisdale, President, Backcountry Against Dumps Role: Citizen Group | Incorporate BLM's April 9th News Release, "BLM Cautions Public Regarding Border Violence" into earlier comments. Adding energy infrastructure in the border region could impact energy reliability or security; projects could provide cover for and exacerbate criminal activities in the area. | Public Health and Safety Electrical Reliability Public Health and Safety | April 10, 2009, email DOE | |
| Donna Tisdale, President, Backcountry Against Dumps Role: Citizen Group | NOI lacks information on connected actions and potential for project to be used to export non-renewable energy from Mexico to the U.S. Request local scoping hearing to address new information and cumulative impacts since the EA scoping was held in Fall 2008. | Purpose and Need Cumulative Impacts | March 27, 2009, letter to DOE | |

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| Donna Tisdale, Boulevard Planning Group | A new round of scoping meetings is needed based on new information that should be considered in the EIS, including: health impacts from noise and vibration from turbines; air pressure impacts on the lung tissue of bats; missing details about the ESJ Project. | Proposed Action and Alternatives | March 27, 2009, letter to DOE |
| Role: Citizen Group | Cumulative impacts of industrial development will change the rural character. The segmented review process of multiple major projects does not adequately address the cumulative impacts of the projects. Cumulative impact assessment should address other planned projects, including other wind development projects in the La Rumorosa area McCain Valley and Campo reservation lands; and solar projects in the Imperial Valley. | Cumulative Impacts | |
| | EIS should consider reasonable alternatives, including a combination of retrofitted power plants, in-basin peaker generation, and roof-top solar; and use of feed-in tariffs. | Proposed Action and Alternatives | |
| | Ensure adequate setbacks (e.g., 2 miles) between turbines and property boundaries, international border, buildings, roads, recreation areas, and sensitive habitat to avoid impacts from blade shedding, tower collapse, noise and vibration, flicker effect, turbine fires, and flaming debris, | Biological Resources | |
| | Turbine placement should avoid impacts on radio communications and aviation operations, including gliders that use Jacumba Airport. | Public Health and Safety | |
| | Refer to recent regional economic data for statistics on local area's high unemployment rate and low per capita income. | Environmental Justice | |
| | BHS have been recently sighted in Jacumba Mountains within the designated BHS critical habitat, in close proximity to ESJ and other proposed projects. (Reference attached March 19, 2009, email from Kevin Geller, Border Patrol Agent, to Donna Tisdale) | Biological Resources Proposed Action and | |
| | Clarify whether local roads will be used, and whether road improvements will be needed for turbine construction and other project. | Alternatives | |

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| Donna Tisdale (cont.) | component development. EIS should disclose any engineering challenges that will require additional development impacts. | | | |
| Donna Tisdale, Boulevard Planning Group Role: Citizen Group | Other projects with connected, related, direct, indirect, and/or cumulative impacts, and effects include: Sempra's wind energy project; Sempra's existing LNG gas transmission pipeline in the project area; SDG&E's existing 500kV Southwest Powerlink; SDG&E's 500 kV Sunrise Powerlink; SDG&E's ECO Substation; SDG&E's Boulevard Substation expansion; new 69 kV line between ECO Substation and Boulevard Substation; BLM's recent changes to the McCain Valley Resource Conservation Area downgrading the Visual Resource Management classification and increasing the wind energy access; new substation and 69 kV line from PPM Energy/Iberdrola Renewables' 200 MW wind project on BLM land in McCain Valley to Boulevard Substation. Level of environmental review in an EA will be inadequate, and an EIS is required due to the range and magnitude of potential impacts. The | Proposed Action and Alternatives Cumulative Impacts Connected Action | September 3, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| | range of impacts covers numerous issues (38 topics listed) including issues related to cumulative impacts; public safety; environmental justice; community character; compliance with local land use policies; visual resources; property values; groundwater and surface water; tourism and recreation; growth inducement; electric reliability; cultural and biological resources; critical habitats; and designated parks, wilderness and areas of critical environmental concern. | All resource areas | | |
| | Name change and hearing date changes creates confusion and discourages public participation Concerned that the original 7,500 acres proposed for the wind farm is | N/A Proposed Action and | | |
| | understated. Sempra's statement at the August 26, 2009 scoping meeting regarding the availability of 314,000 acres under lease in northern Mexico | Alternatives Proposed Action and Alternatives | | |

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| Donna Tisdale (cont.) | represents new information and the potential for increased impacts that should be addressed in a full EIS. | | | |
| | Concerned that other non-renewable power sources are reasonably foreseeable and that the proposed electric generation-tie line will not be limited to transmission of wind power based on presence of LNG gas transmission line, and planned water pipeline in Project vicinity, which suggest that other gas fires power plants may eventually be constructed and rely on the proposed line. | Proposed Action and Alternatives | | |
| | Concerned that infrastructure development in this Border region, and potential future changes in the Mexican government, does not maintain or increase electric reliability. | Electrical Reliability | | |
| | Wind turbines could impact California condors. | Biological Resources | | |
| | The required 6,000 gallons of water for each turbine foundation could impact U.S. water supply, and no cross-border water transfers should be allowed. | Water Resources | | |
| | Turbines will be visible from multiple locations in Jacumba, Boulevard, and various recreational and wilderness areas. Cumulative visual effects will be significant. | Visual Resources | | |
| | The SDG&E ECO Substation will have impacts on water supply, cultural resources, and night skies. | Water Resources Cultural Resources | | |
| | | Visual Resources | | |
| Donna Tisdale, Boulevard Planning | Name change creates confusion | Proposed Action and Alternatives | August 26, 2008, public scoping | |
| Group | Level of environmental review in an EA will be inadequate, and an EIS is required due to the range and magnitude of potential impacts. | N/A | meeting | |
| Role: Citizen Group | Concerned that other non-renewable power sources are reasonably foreseeable and that the proposed electric generation-tie line will not be limited to transmission of wind power based on presence of LNG gas transmission line, and planned water pipeline in Project vicinity, | Cumulative Impacts | | |

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| | which suggest that other gas fires power plants may eventually be constructed and rely on the proposed line. Concerned that the acreage proposed for the wind farm is understated. Concerned that potential impacts in Mexico have not been adequately addressed or mitigated. Project should not be considered independently of other infrastructure projects that could be linked, including the Sunrise Powerlink Project, the East County Substation Project, Boulevard Substation expansion, and other projects in the region. Discuss the need for gas-powered backup generation, and associated impacts. Clarify the Project's relationship to the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NEITC) Discuss visual impacts due to size of the turbines and night lighting fixtures on the turbines; assess impacts of night lighting at the proposed East County substation. | Proposed Action and Alternatives Cumulative Impacts Connected Action Proposed Action and Alternatives Proposed Action and Alternatives Visual Resources | | |
| Donna Tisdale, Boulevard Planning Group Role: Citizen Group | Discuss fire hazards related to turbine fires Delay DOE scoping hearings on PP-334 until late July or August 2008 based on the June 20, 2008 CPUC ruling ordering recirculation of the Sunrise Power Link Project DEIR/EIS. | Fire and Fuels Management Introduction | June 23, 2008, letter to DOE | |
| Donna Tisdale, Boulevard Planning Group Role: Citizen Group | Increase in industrial character; increased visual contrast and reduced visual quality; day and night aviation lighting will impact panoramic views and dark sky quality. Cumulative impacts from ESJ, Sunrise project, and other area projects | Visual Resources Land Use Cumulative impacts | March 21, 2008, letter to DOE | |

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| Donna Tisdale (cont.) | Increased risk of wildfire. Negative impact on rural community character, quality of life, property values; proposal is too massive and industrial in scale to fit in with existing rural community character Impacts on PBS and QCB habitat, and area conservation lands, including cross-border land conservation and management efforts. Environmental Justice issues in Jacumba, Boulevard, Jacume, and La Rumorosa Growth-inducing effects of future expansion potential, including cross-border LNG and new power plants in Mexico. Groundwater and surface water redirected or contaminated from drilling/blasting turbine foundations and turbine construction. Cross-border construction air quality impacts from equipment operation and erosion. Explain need for cross-border transmission. | Fire and Fuels Management Land Use Socioeconomics Biological Resources Environmental Justice Socioeconomics Water Resources Air Quality Purpose and Need | | | |
| Bill Parsons Role: Individual | Level of environmental review in an EA will be inadequate, and an EIS is required because the Project is linked to other projects. The photo simulations for the visual assessment need to be realistic The visual assessment needs to account for the fact that the turbines will be in motion, and thus the project will attract the attention of viewers. Visual assessment should account for the repeating pattern of long turbine shadows, and the effect of these shadows on the viewing experience. The area of disturbance and visual effect should be broadly considered to include more than the immediate project footprint; it should also include surrounding area affected by traffic-induced dust; and include | Cumulative impacts Visual Resources Visual Resources Visual Resources Visual Resources Air Quality | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | |

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| | all areas affected electromagnetically • Discuss the cultural effects and compatibility with San Diego County land use policies (particularly related to preservation of rural character) due to increased industrialization of the project area | Cultural Resources Land Use | |
| Anita Williams Role: Individual | The Project area has significant archeological resources Groundwater is scarce in the Project area The Project is linked to other projects. | Cultural Resources Water Resources Cumulative Impacts | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting |
| Gary Hoyt Role: Individual | The Project is linked to other projects, in particular the planned expansion of the Boulevard Substation. Project area air quality is a concern. The proposed project would have direct effects related to traffic-induced dust due to increased off-road vehicle traffic; increased Border Patrol traffic. Increased road construction could lead to increased illegal activity related to the Border Increased overhead transmission lines could lead to fire hazards and safety hazards for Border Patrol aircraft. Concerned that the proposed 100-foot easement to larger than needed, based on other narrower easements. The project would contribute to cumulative effects related to of this expansion of the Boulevard Substation. Cumulative effects include electric and magnetic effects and nuisance noise due to substation expansion. Clarify the process for future amendments to the Presidential permit | Cumulative Impacts Connected Action Air Quality Public Health and Safety Fire and Fuels Management Proposed Action and Alternatives Cumulative Impacts Introduction | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting |

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| Ray Lutz Role: Individual | The Project is linked to other projects, in particular the Sunrise Powerlink Project, and a full EIS is needed. Concerned that the project description is changing in terms of the amount and acreage and location, which will affect the density of the wind farm. The location and acreage of the wind turbines needs to be clearly established. Concerned that the power line is oversized for the project, and that other non-renewable projects would eventually use the line. | Purpose and Need Cumulative Impacts Proposed Action and Alternatives Proposed Action and Alternatives | August 22, 2008, email, and August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Edie Harmon Role: Individual | The Project is linked to other projects, in particular the Sunrise Powerlink Project. | Cumulative Impacts | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Dennis Berglund Role: Individual | The Project is linked to other projects, in particular the Sunrise Powerlink Project. Concerned about the reliability of the power line due to its location near the border and its vulnerability to damage due to illegal border activity Consider running the power line underground. The project is not needed at the proposed location based on availability of other sites within the U.S., and lack of demand in San Diego County Concerned that the power line is oversized for the project, and that other non-renewable projects would eventually use the line. | Cumulative Impacts Electrical Reliability Proposed Action and Alternatives Purpose and Need Proposed Action and Alternatives | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Mark Ostrander Role: Individual | Concerned that new overhead transmission lines could increase risk of wildfire hazards. Discuss ability to maintain clear areas under power lines. Consider buried power lines. An EIS is needed. | Fire and Fuels Management N/A | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |

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| LeAnn Carmichael Role: Individual | An EIS is needed to consider other related projects. The document should address all of the Class I and Class II impacts related to the Baja Wind project that were identified in the SWPL EIR/EIS. Demonstrate the need for the project | Cumulative Impacts All resource areas Purpose and Need | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Diane Conklin Role: Individual Diane Conklin (cont.) | Confirm that the proposed power line would not be used for other non-renewable energy projects. Confirm the end user of power Confirm the source of backup power Discuss the overall project's greenhouse gas impacts in the context of the U.S. and California regulations related to greenhouse gases. An EIS is required due to the range and magnitude of potential impacts. | Purpose and Need Proposed Action and Alternatives Proposed Action and Alternatives Air Quality N/A | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Gerald Yops Role: Individual | An EIS is required. | N/A | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Dennis Trafecanty Role: Individual | Explain the need for the generation-tie line based on availability of existing power lines in Mexico. Discuss reliability of power source originating in Mexico An EIS is required due to the range and magnitude of potential impacts, in particular the potential impacts on California condor and BHS; need to discuss existing cross-border wildlife coordination efforts. Discuss fire hazards | Purpose and Need Electrical Reliability Biological Resources Fire and Fuels Management | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |

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| Bill Powers, Power Plant Working Group | Discuss indirect impacts of increased capacity on SWPL due to lack of capacity to handle the proposed project's power supply. | Purpose and Need | August 26, 2008, public scoping | |
| Role: Environmental | Discuss effects of the proposed power offsetting power from other sources (e.g., by taking priority over the Mexicali Power Plant) | Cumulative impacts | meeting | |
| Group | Prepare an EIS in order to provide greater validity to the assessment, in consideration of the controversy related to SWPL. | N/A | | |
| Aaron Quintanar, Border Power Plant Working Group | An EIS is required to provide a high level of assessment of impacts on endangered species, in particular the potential impacts on California condor and BHS corridor; need to discuss existing cross-border wildlife coordination efforts. | Biological Resources | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Role: Environmental Group | Assess secondary impacts of new roads, which can lead to urban sprawl | Land Use | | |
| Kevin Krekelberg, Citizens United for Sensible Power | Prepare an EIS, and obtain a clear project description with acreage, location, etc. | Proposed Action and Alternatives | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Role: Environmental Group | | | | |
| Jeffrey McKernan Role: Individual | Visual simulations need to be realistic Concerned that a foreign government could affect project reliability. Prepare an EIS | Visual Resources Electrical Reliability N/A | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | |
| Karen McIntyre | Turbines could significantly degrade the visual setting, thus reducing the quality of life for local residents. | Visual Resources Land Use | August 26, 2008, public scoping | |
| Role: Individual | Concerned that a foreign government could affect project reliability. | Electrical Reliability | meeting | |

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| Laura McKernan Role: Individual | Turbines could significantly degrade the visual setting, thus reducing the quality of life for local residents. | Visual Resources Land Use | August 26, 2008, public scoping meeting | | | |
| Note: N/A – not applicable | | | | | | |

Appendix A.2 Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (February 25, 2009)



NOTE: Energia Sierra Juarez U.S.

Transmission, LLC, (ESJ) was formerly known as Baja

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-334]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE). **ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intention to prepare an EIS on the proposed Federal action of granting a Presidential permit to construct a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Mexico border in southeastern California. DOE has determined that issuance of a Presidential permit for the proposed

project would constitute a major Federal action that may have a significant effect upon the environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). For this reason, DOE intends to prepare an EIS entitled Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Line Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0414) to address potential environmental impacts from the proposed action and reasonable alternatives. The EIS will be prepared in compliance with NEPA and applicable regulations, including DOE NEPA implementing regulations at 10 CFR Part 1021. Because of previous public participation activities, DOE does not plan to conduct additional scoping meetings for this EIS. However, any timely written comments submitted will be considered by DOE in determining the scope of the EIS.

DATES: As discussed below, the public participation process that DOE conducted following publication of a notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment will serve as the scoping for this EIS. DOE will consider any additional comments received or postmarked by March 27, 2009 in defining the scope of the EIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the scope of the EIS and requests to be added to the document mailing list should be addressed to: Dr. Jerry Pell, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE–20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; by electronic mail to Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov; or by facsimile to 202–318–7761.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC–20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; or by facsimile at 202–586–7031.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jerry Pell, 202–586–3362, or Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom at 202–586–4600 or leave a message at 800–472–2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038, requires that a Presidential permit be issued by DOE before electric transmission facilities may be constructed, operated, maintained, or connected at the U.S. international border. The EO provides that a Presidential permit may be issued after

a finding that the proposed project is consistent with the public interest and after favorable recommendations from the U.S. Departments of State and Defense. In determining consistency with the public interest, DOE considers the environmental impacts of the proposed project under NEPA, determines the project's impact on electric reliability (including whether the proposed project would adversely affect the operation of the U.S. electric power supply system under normal and contingency conditions), and considers any other factors that DOE may find relevant to the public interest. The regulations implementing the EO have been codified at 10 CFR 205.320-205.329. DOE's issuance of a Presidential permit indicates that there is no Federal objection to the project, but does not mandate that the project be undertaken.

Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC (ESJ, formerly Baja Wind U.S. Transmission, LLC), has applied to DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) for a Presidential permit to construct either a double-circuit 230,000-volt (230-kV) or a single-circuit 500-kV transmission line on either lattice towers or steel monopoles. ESJ's proposed transmission line would connect wind turbines (the La Rumorosa Project) to be located in the vicinity of La Rumorosa, Baja California, Mexico, to the existing Southwest Powerlink (SWPL) 500-kV transmission line. The ESJ Presidential permit application, including associated maps and drawings, can be downloaded in its entirety from the DOE program Web site at http://www.oe.energy.gov/ permits pending.htm (see PP-334).

One portion of the proposed transmission project would consist of two miles of transmission located in Mexico that would be constructed, owned, operated, and maintained by a subsidiary of Sempra Energy Mexico and would be subject to the permitting requirements of the Mexican Government. The remaining portion of the proposed transmission project would consist of a one-mile transmission line constructed by ESI within the United States on private land. The entire electrical output of the La Rumorosa Project (1250 megawatts) would be dedicated to the U.S. market and delivered using the proposed international transmission line. For reasons discussed below, the EIS will consider only impacts that occur inside the United States.

ESJ's proposed transmission line would connect to a substation to be constructed by the San Diego Gas & Electric Company in response to

requests by power suppliers to connect to the SWPL. The substation, to be known as the East County Substation, would be located just south of the SWPL right-of-way near the community of Jacumba, California, and would contain equipment for accepting interconnections at both the 230-kV and the 500-kV level. The 230-kV connection equipment would be located just to the west of the 500-kV connection equipment, both within the confines of the substation boundary. Accordingly, ESJ has identified two routing/voltage alternatives to coincide with interconnection at the 230-kV or at the 500-kV level.

Agency Purpose and Need, Proposed Action, and Alternatives

The purpose and need for DOE's action is to decide whether to grant ESJ's application for a Presidential permit for the proposed international electric transmission line. DOE's proposed action is to issue a Presidential permit for the construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of the proposed international electric transmission line. If granted, the Presidential permit would authorize only the one-mile portion of the applicant's proposal that would be constructed and operated wholly within the United States.

Both of ESJ's proposed route alternatives would cross the U.S.-Mexico border at the same location. However, the route alternative identified as A1 in the Presidential permit application would be constructed at 500-kV and would be the eastern alternative; the other route alternative, identified as A2, would be constructed at 230-kV and be located to the west of the A1 alternative. Both alternatives would be located wholly within private property in eastern San Diego County near the unincorporated community of Jacumba. In addition to the alternatives proposed by ESJ, DOE will also consider the environmental impacts of a "No Action" alternative.

DOE originally considered an environmental assessment (EA) (to be titled Baja Wind U.S. Transmission Environmental Assessment) to be the appropriate level of review under NEPA. DOE published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment and to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings in the Federal Register on August 4, 2008 (73 FR 45218). In that notice DOE stated "if at any time during preparation of the EA DOE determines that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is needed * DOE will consider any comments on the scope of the EA received during [the EA



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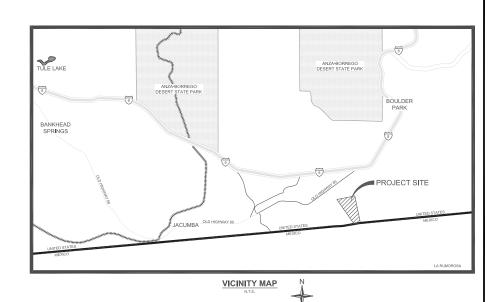
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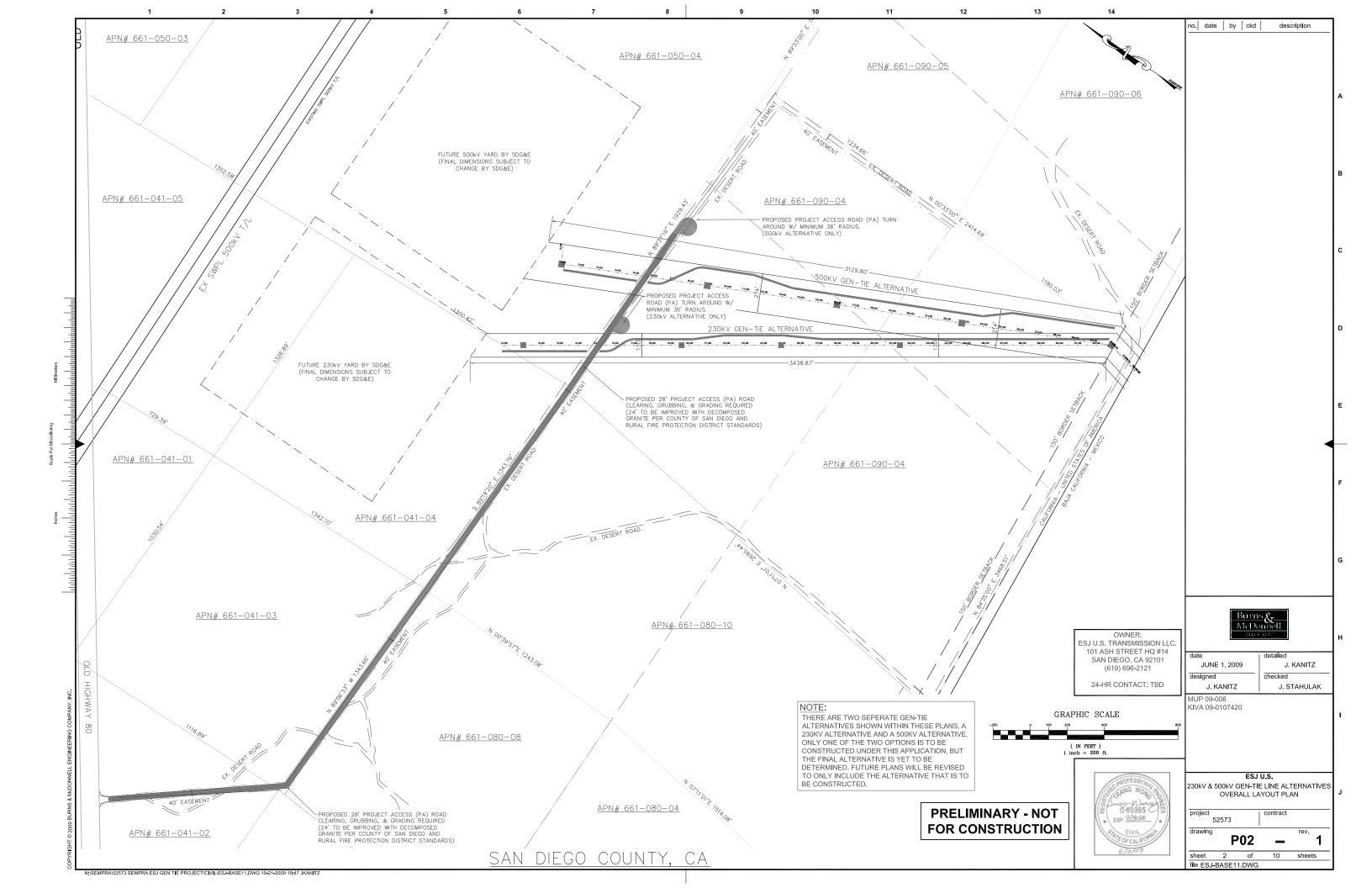
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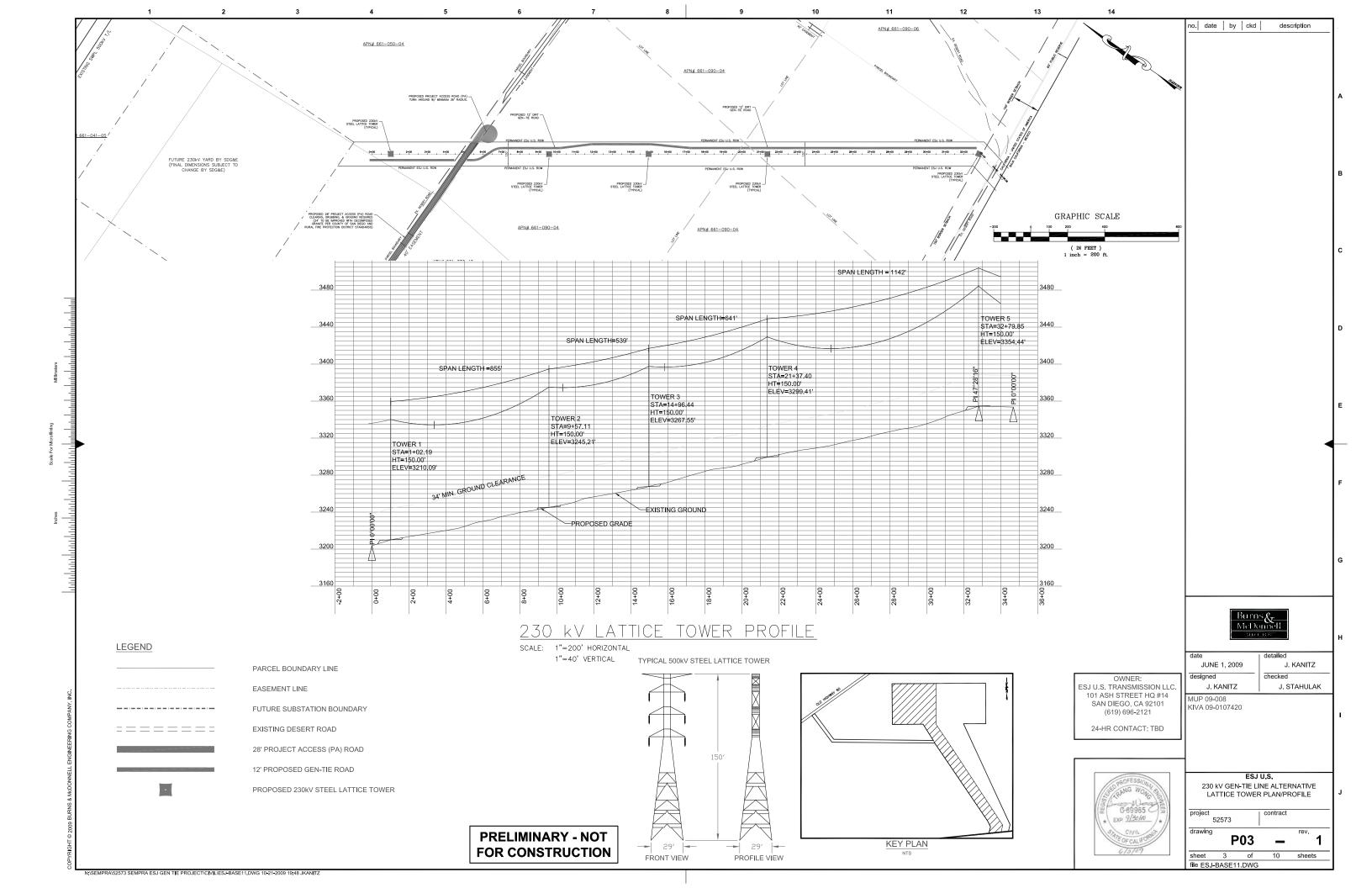
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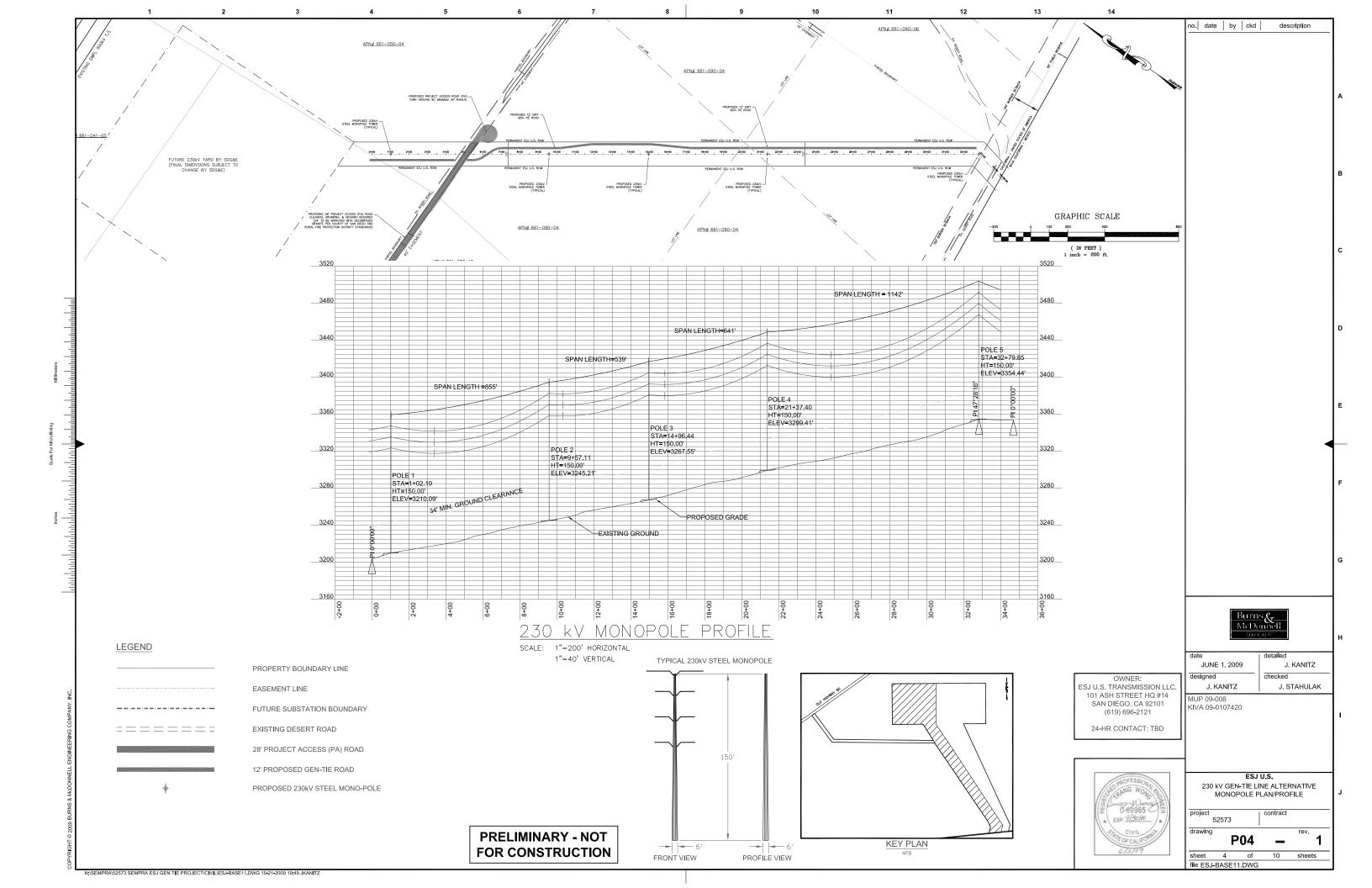


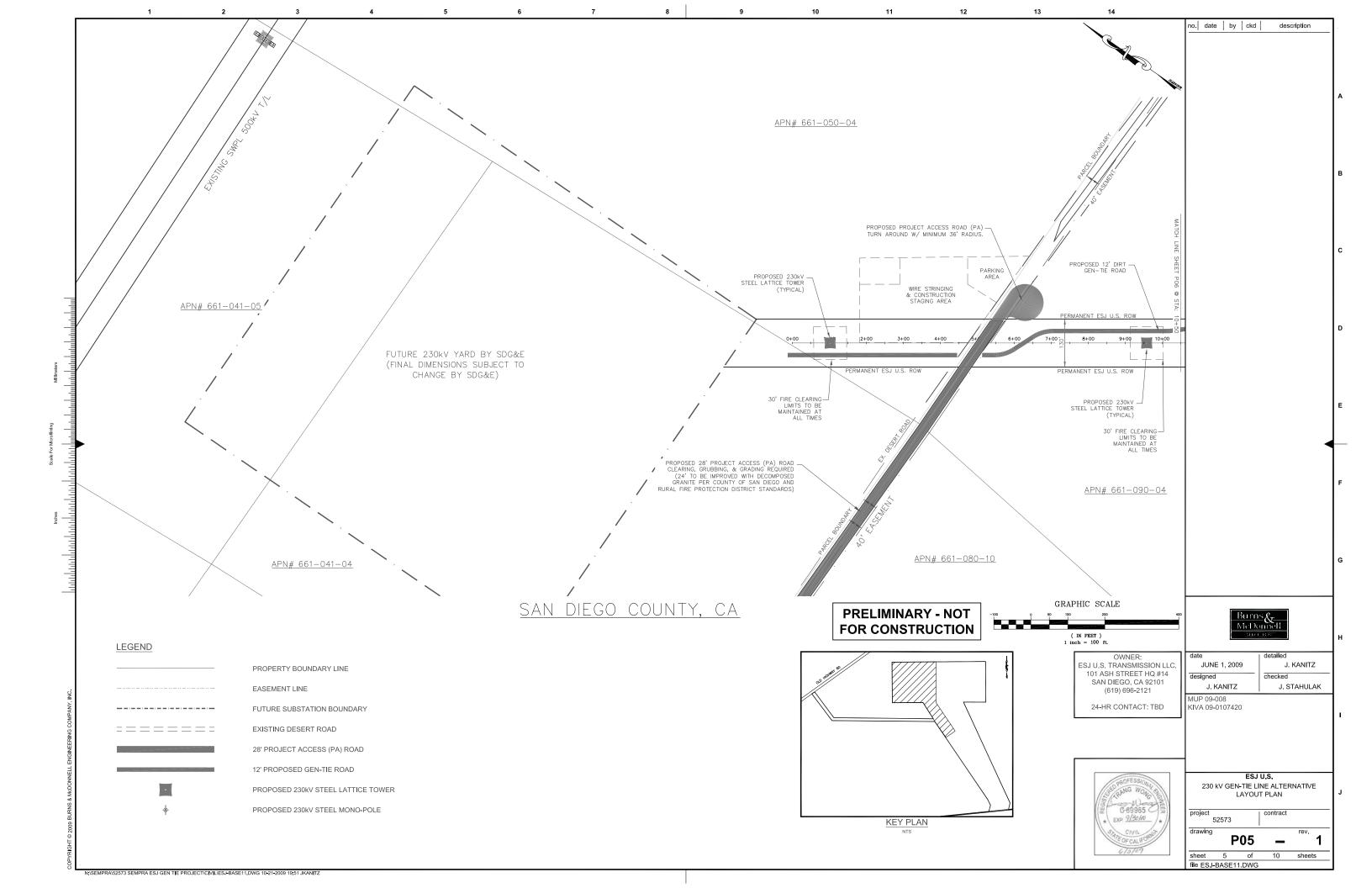
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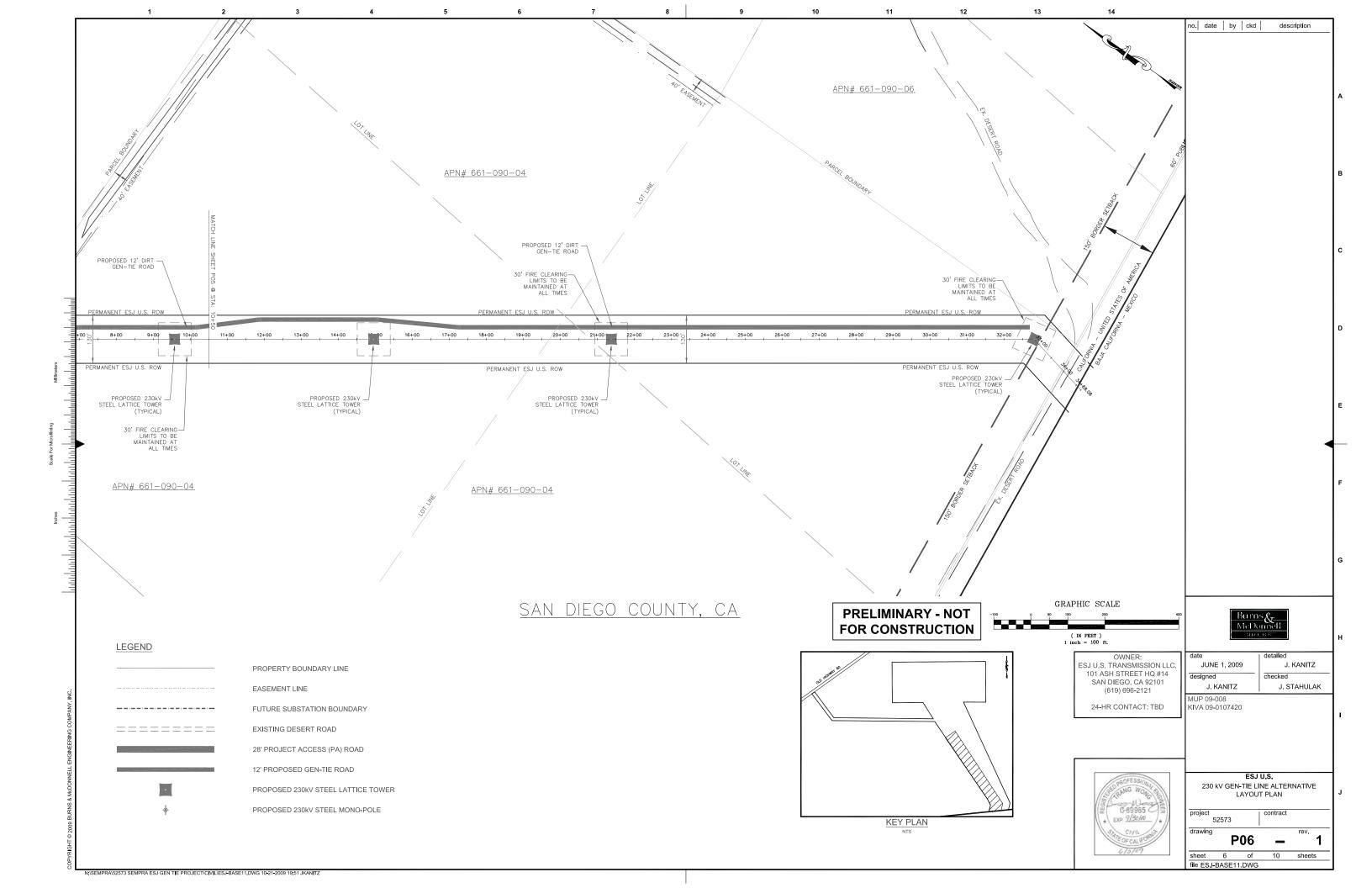
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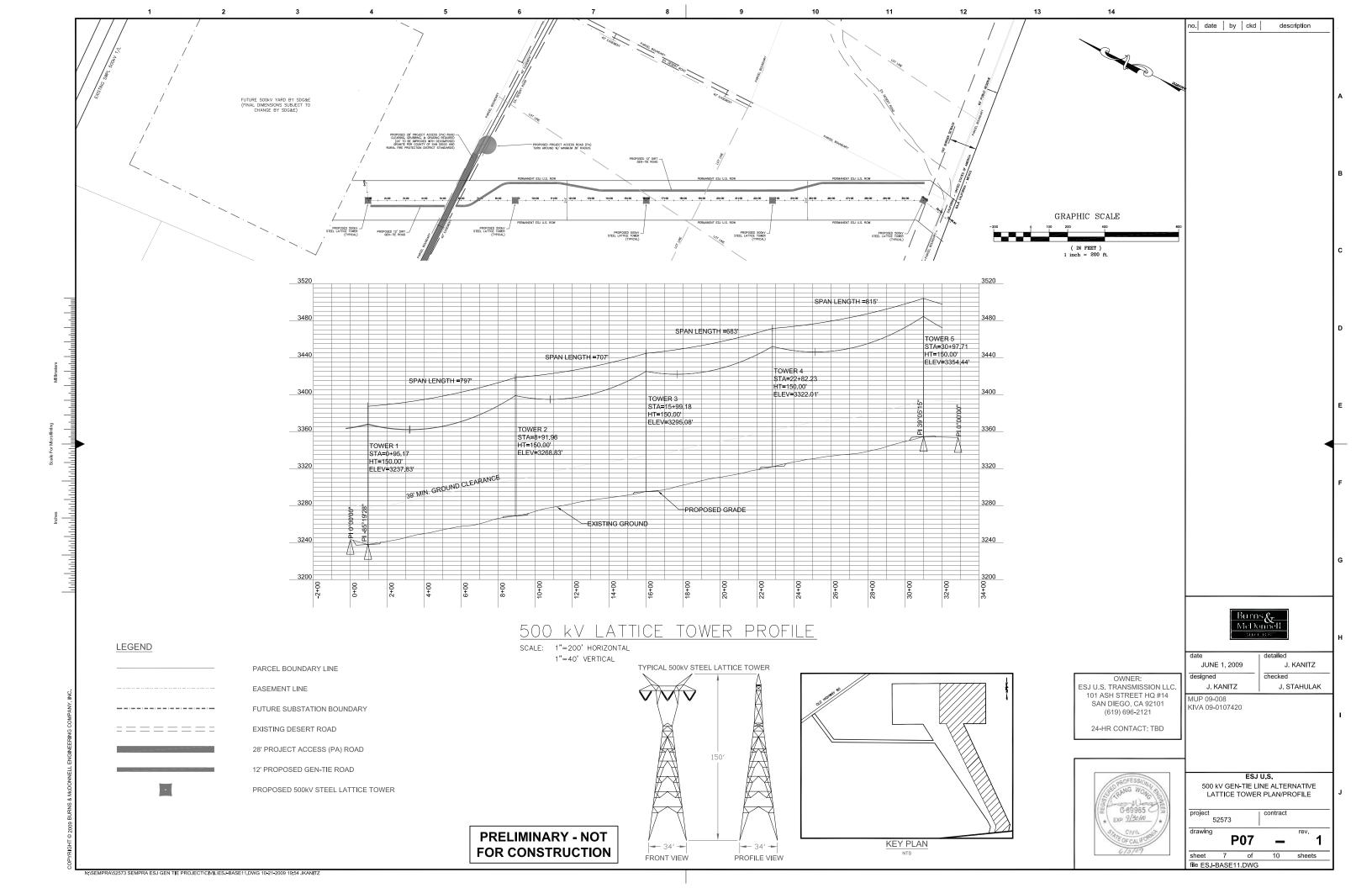


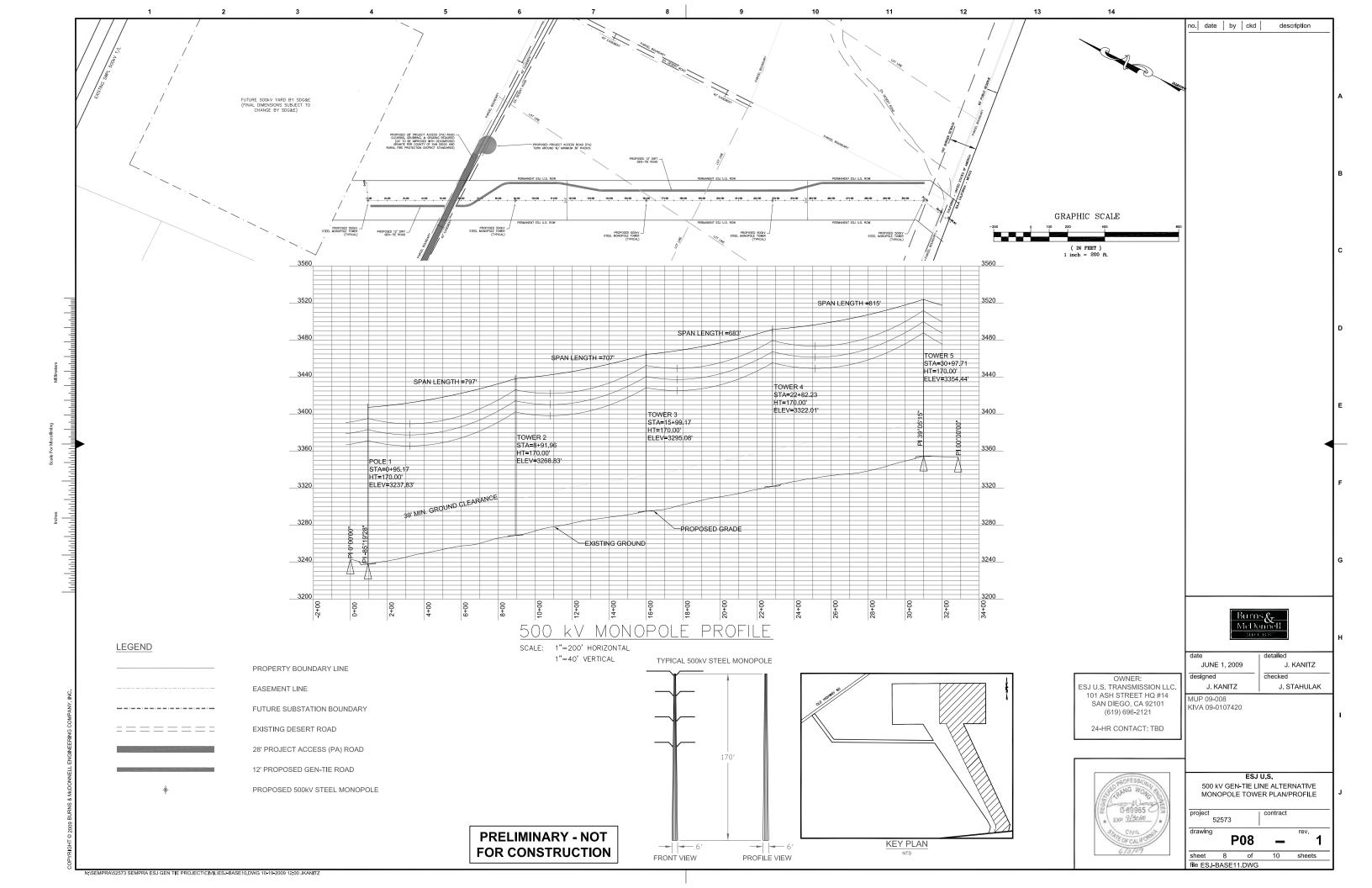


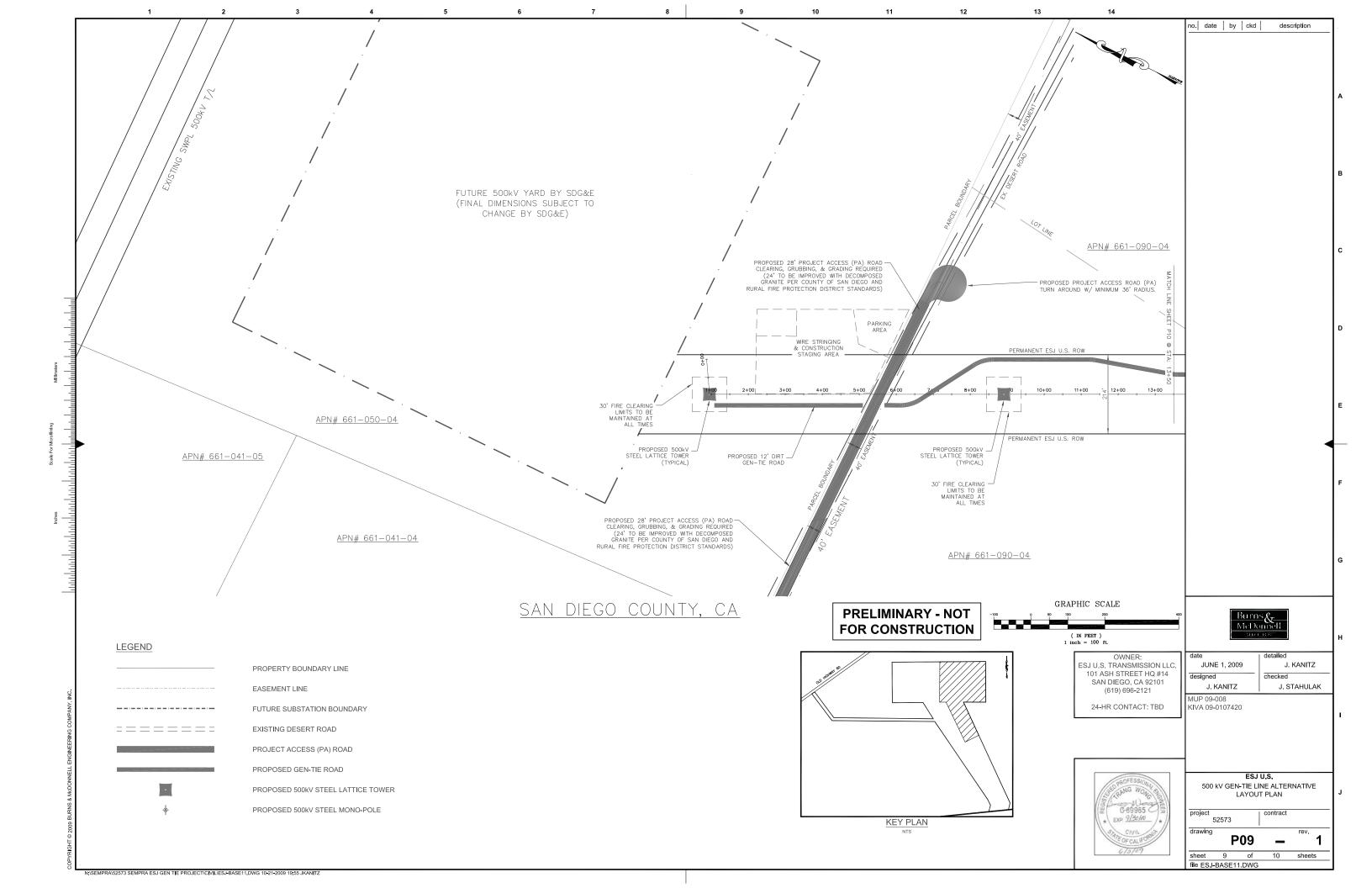


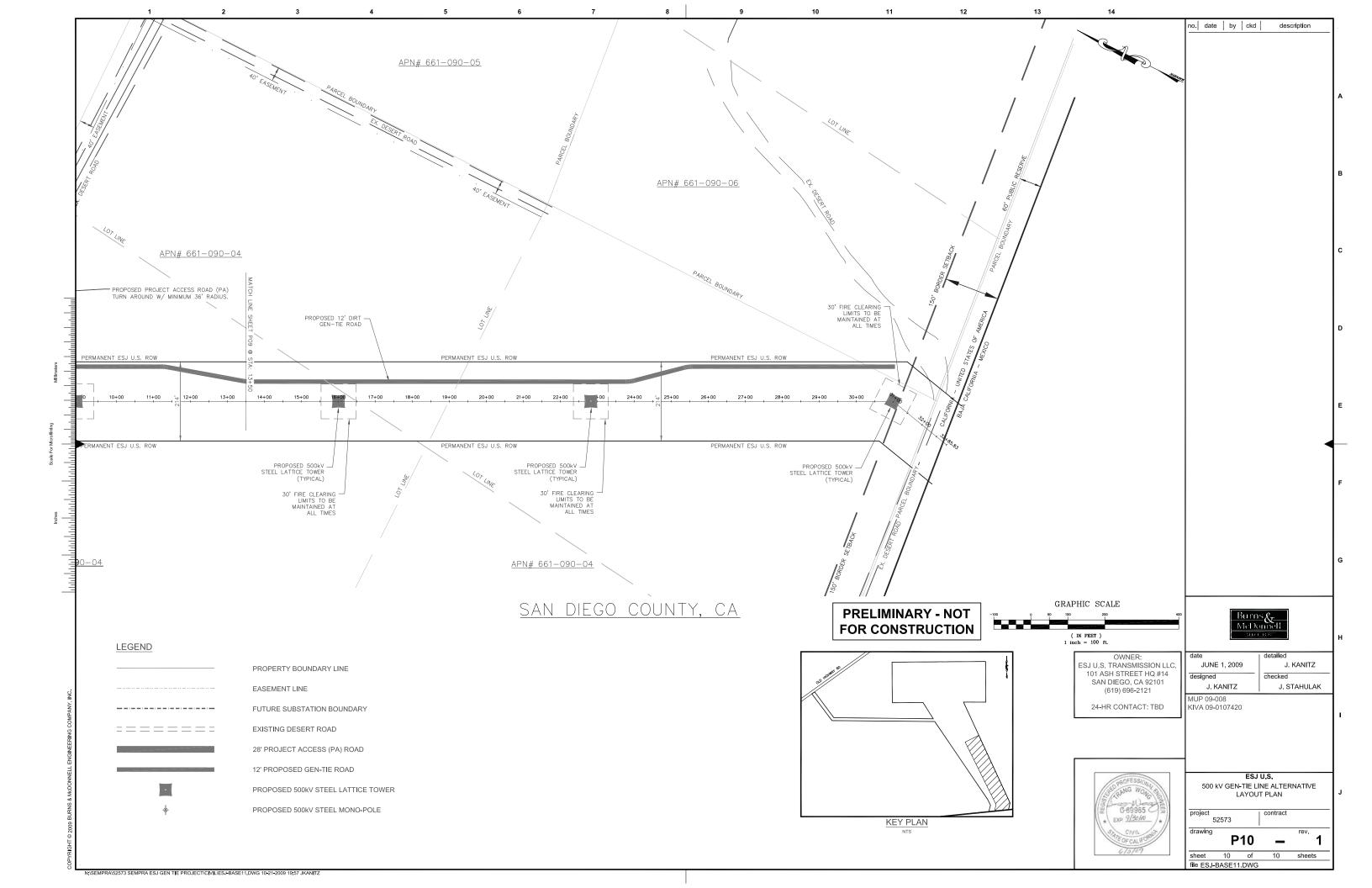












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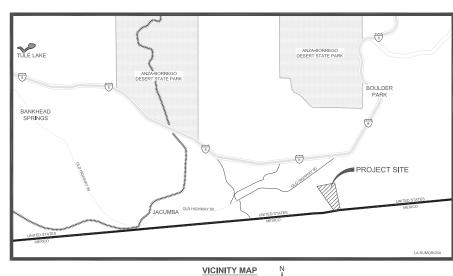
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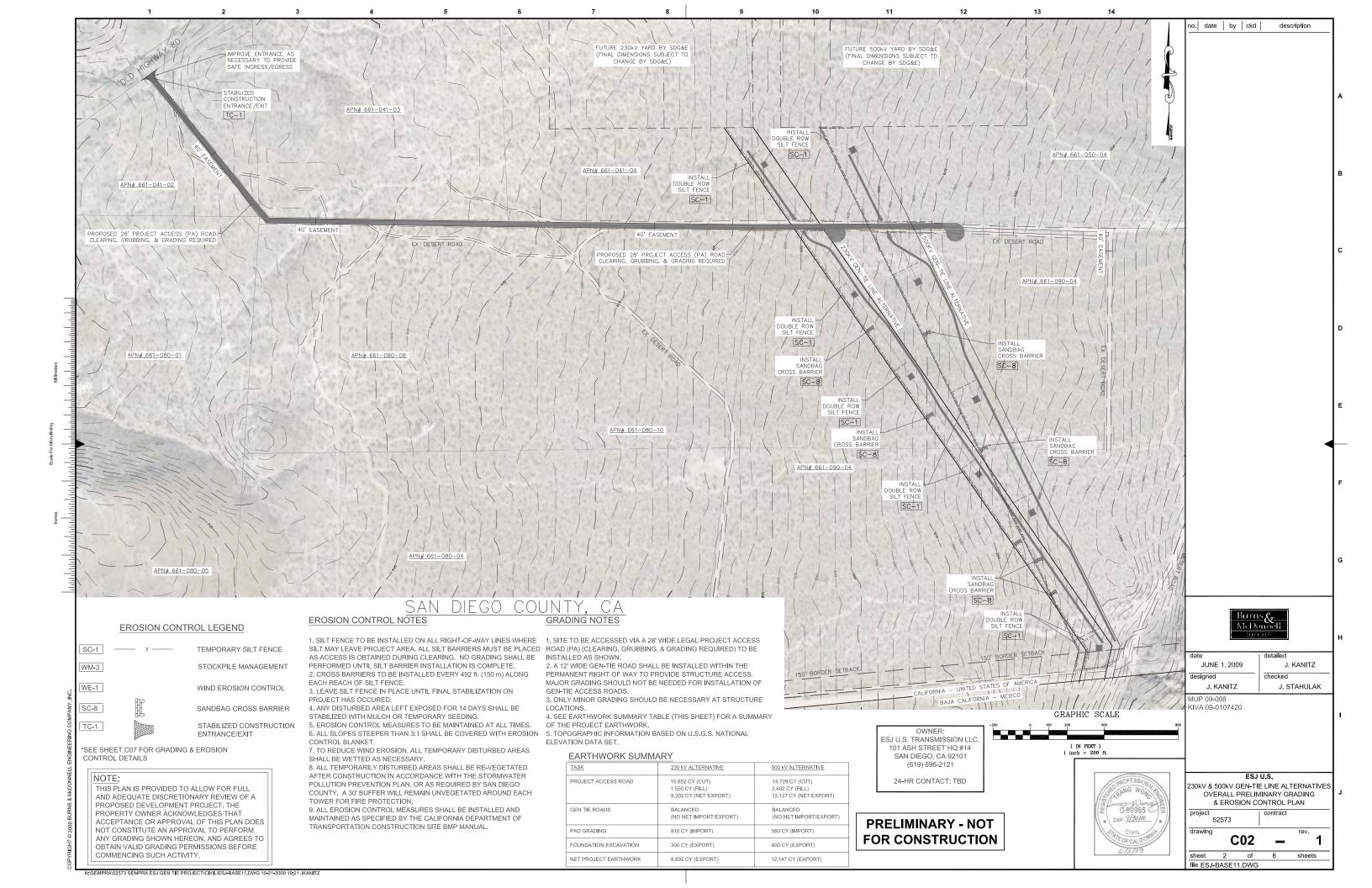
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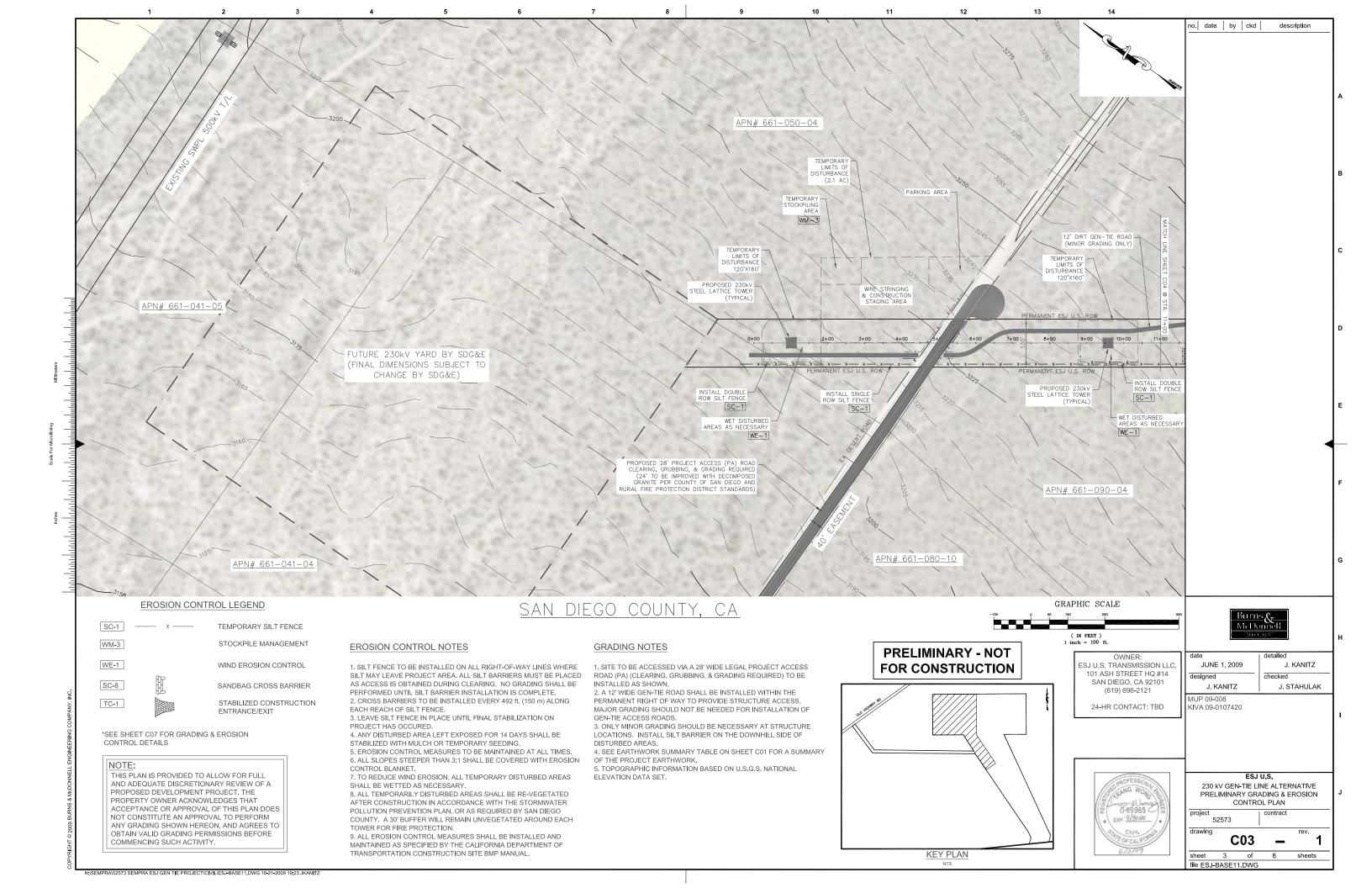
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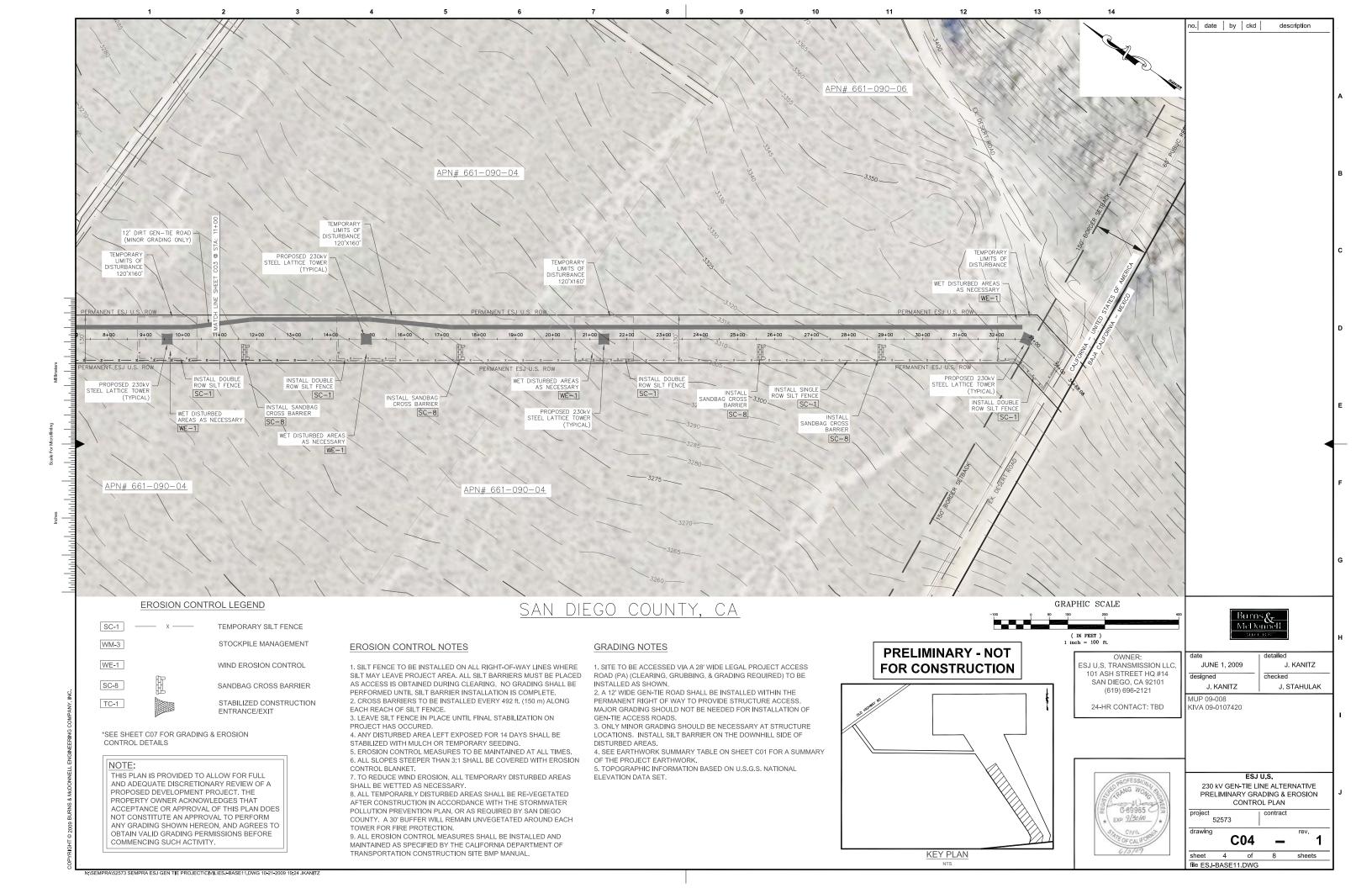


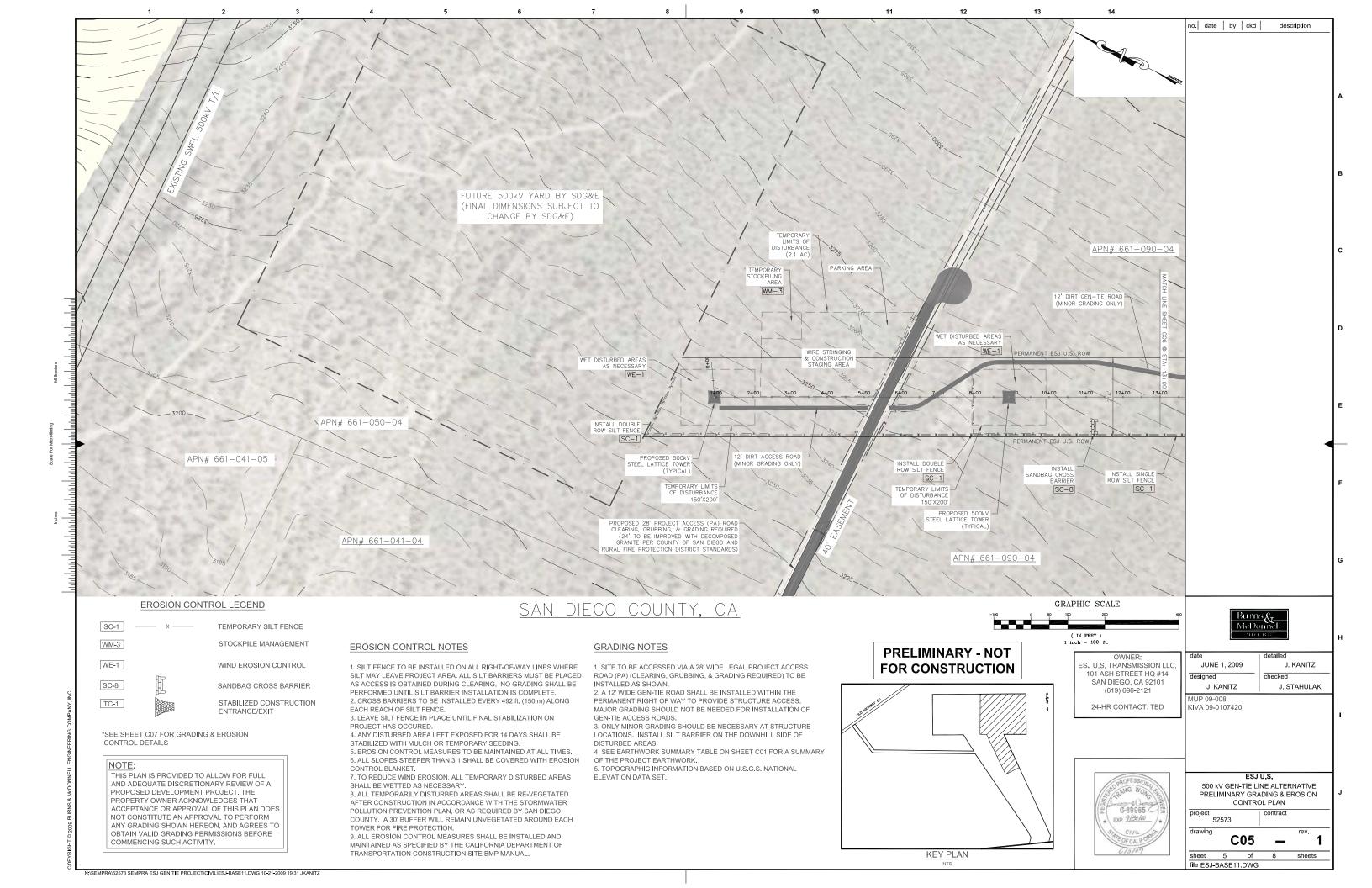
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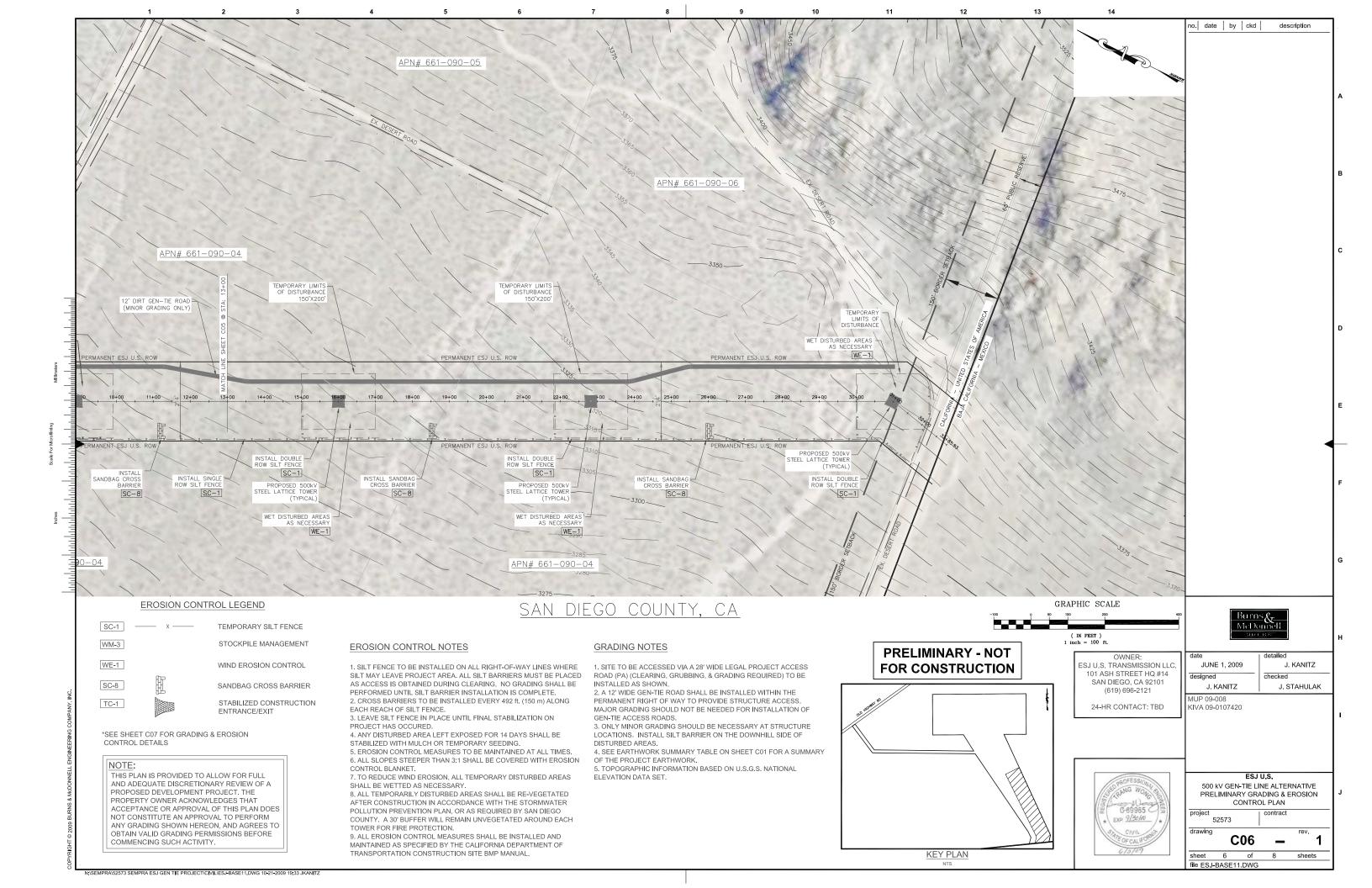
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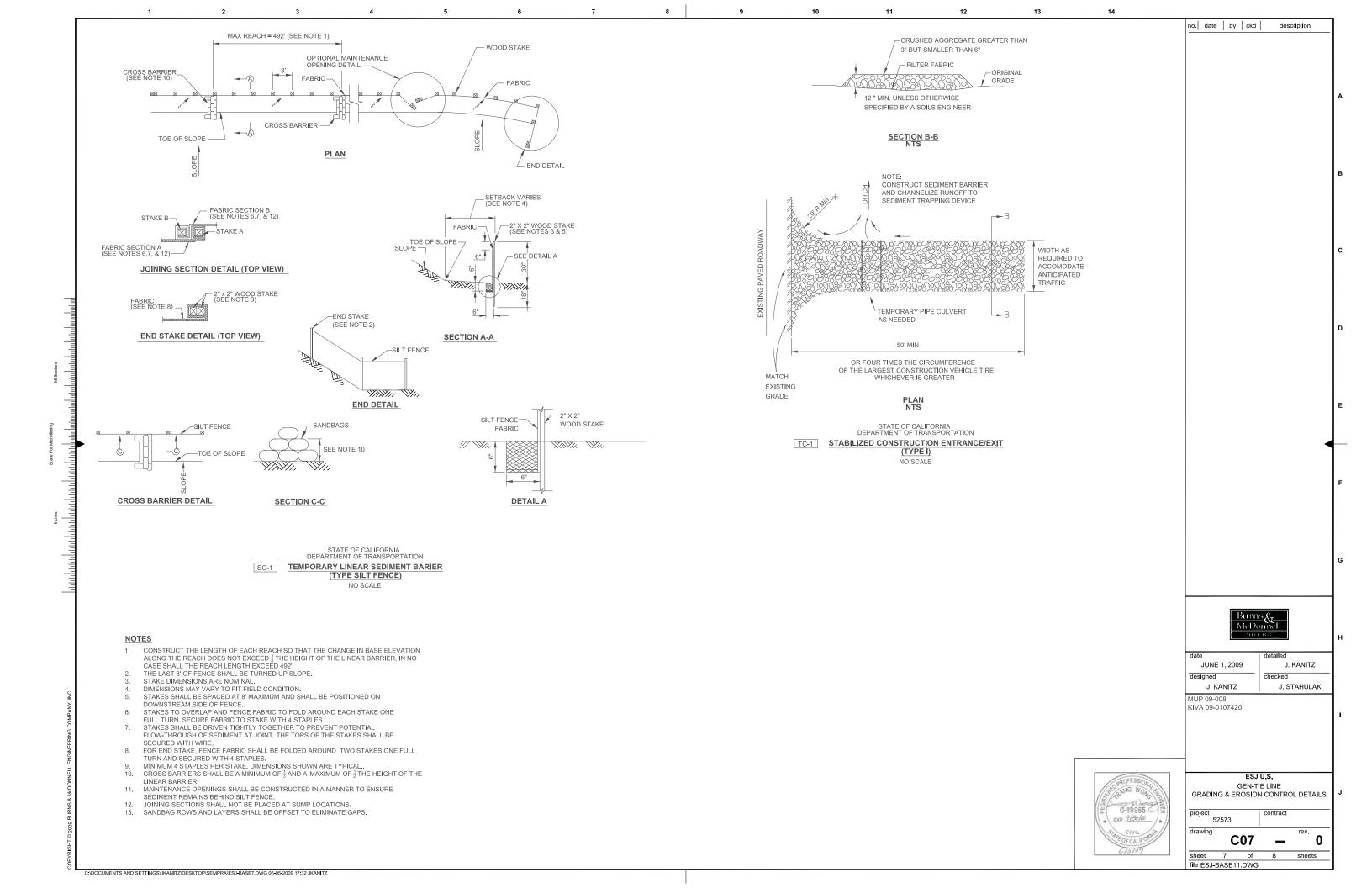


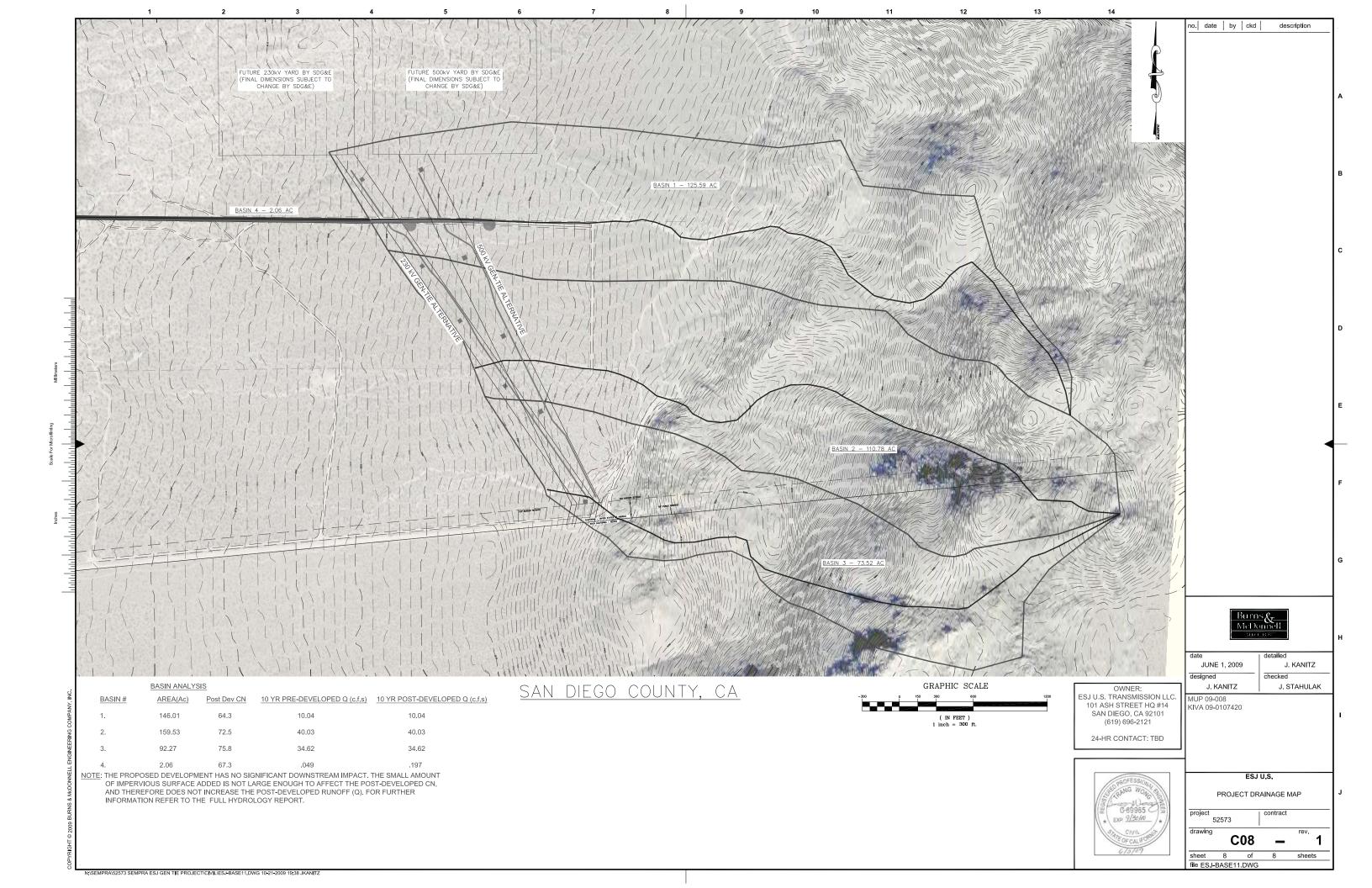












Appendix B.3 Alternative 4A and 4B Preliminary Plot Plans – Drawings P11 to P20, Revision 1 (June 2010)

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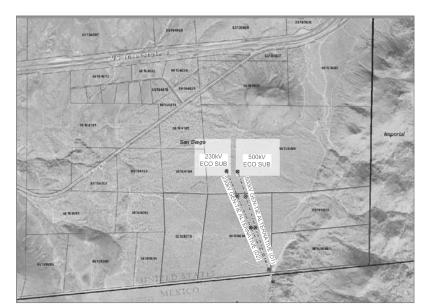
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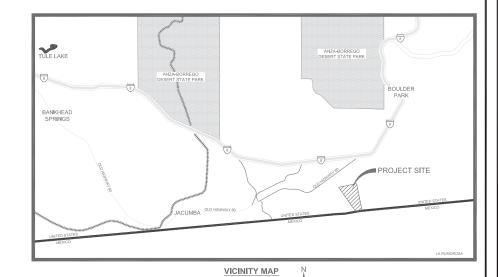
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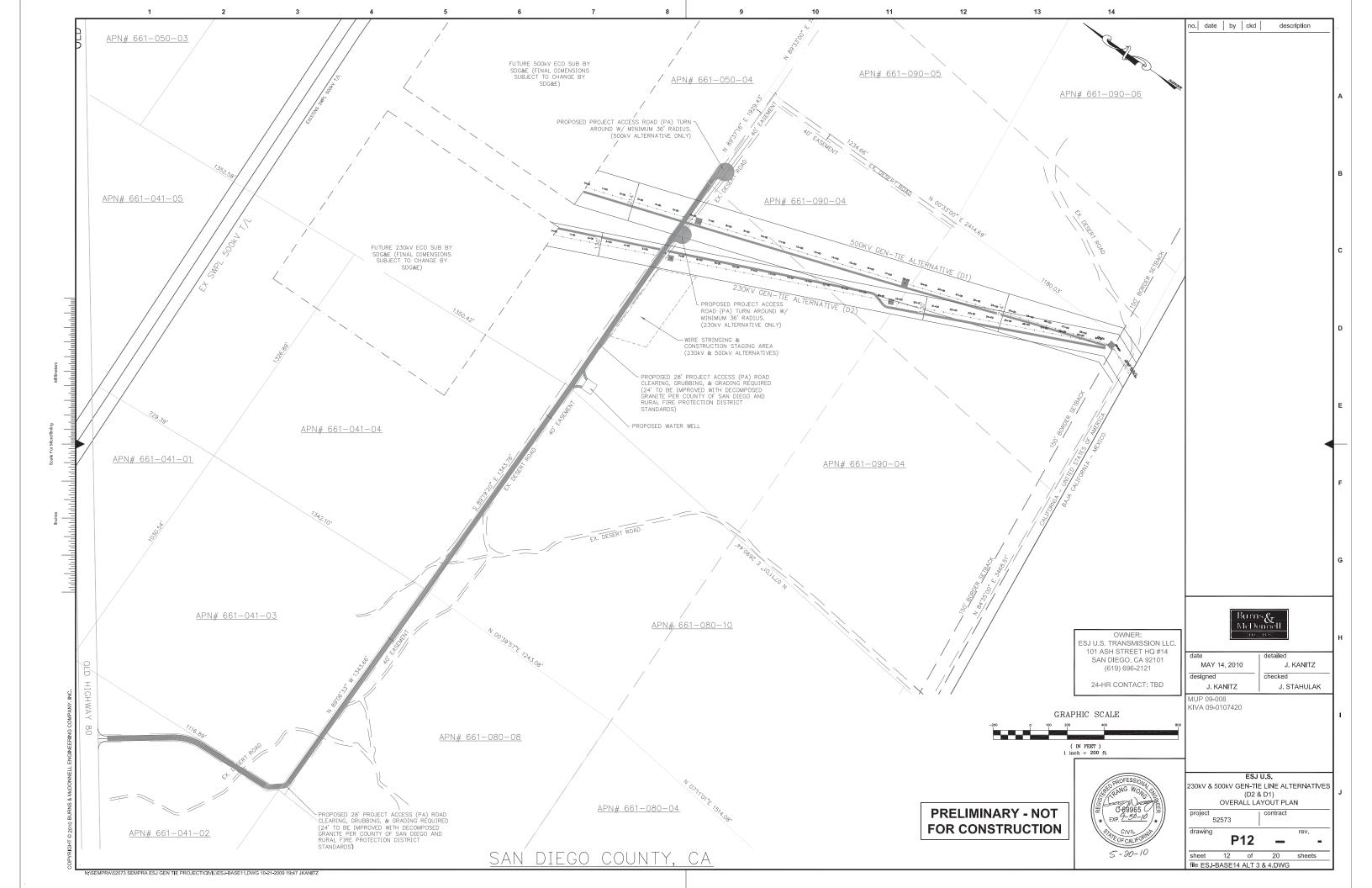
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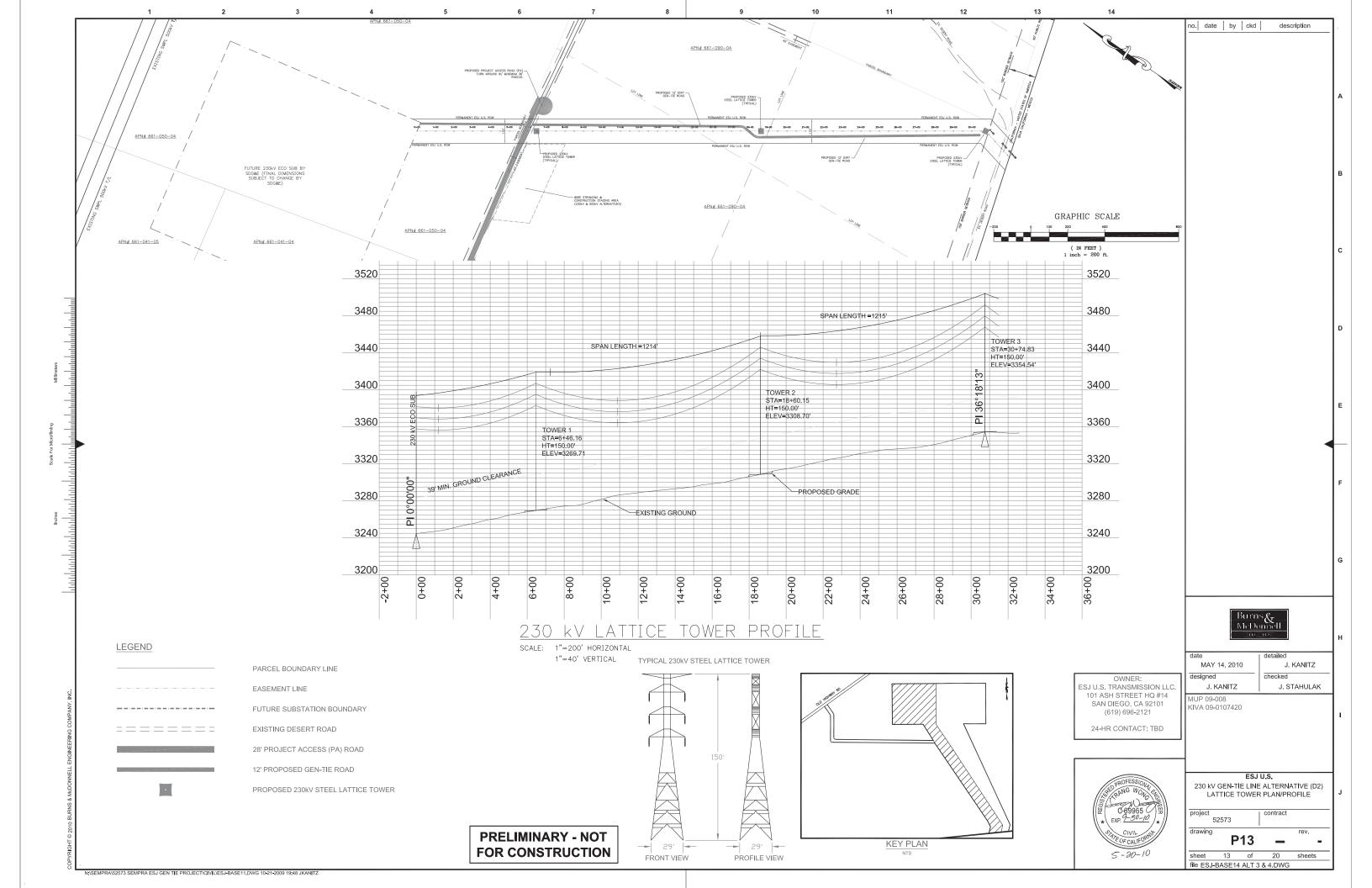


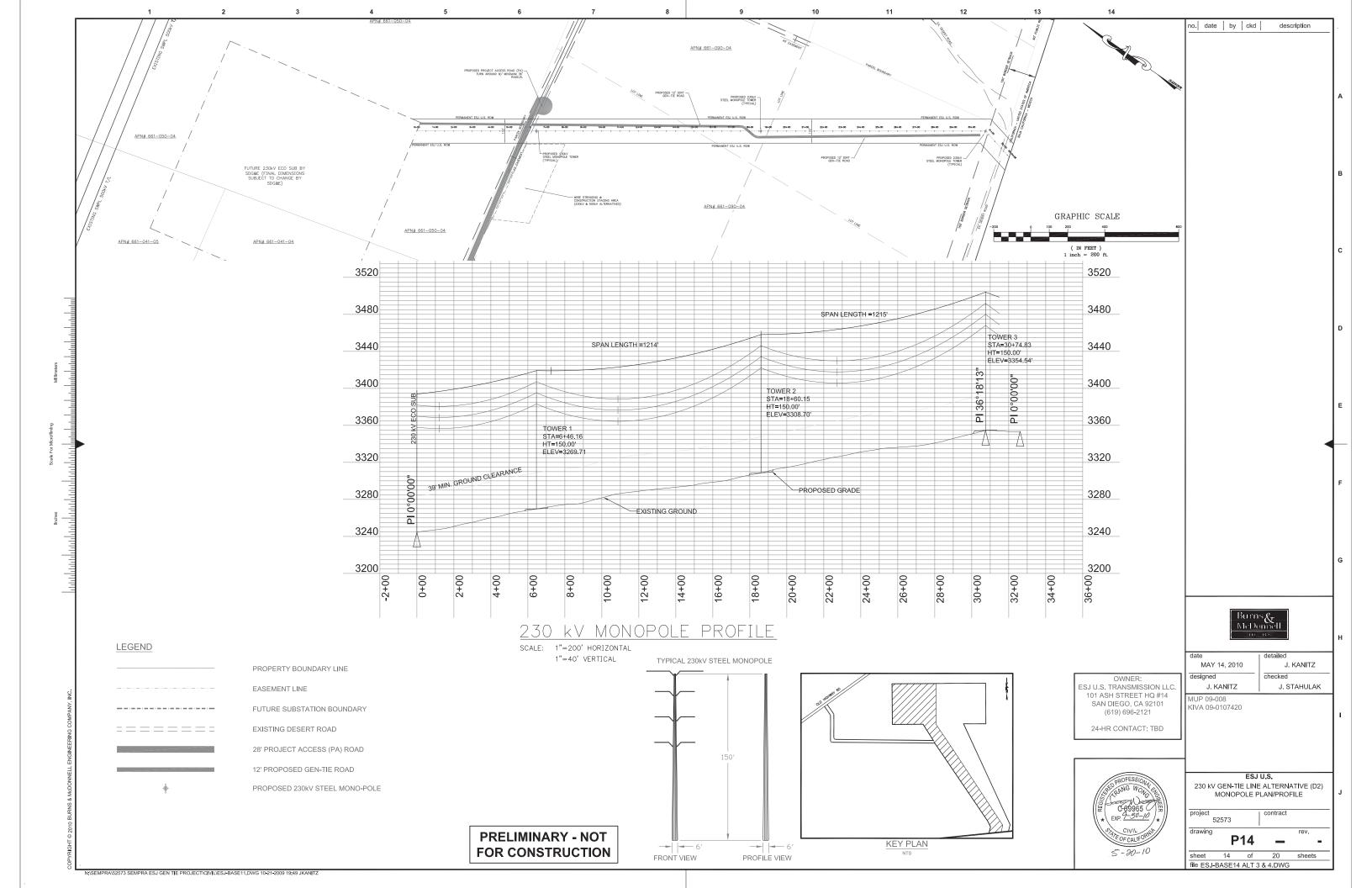
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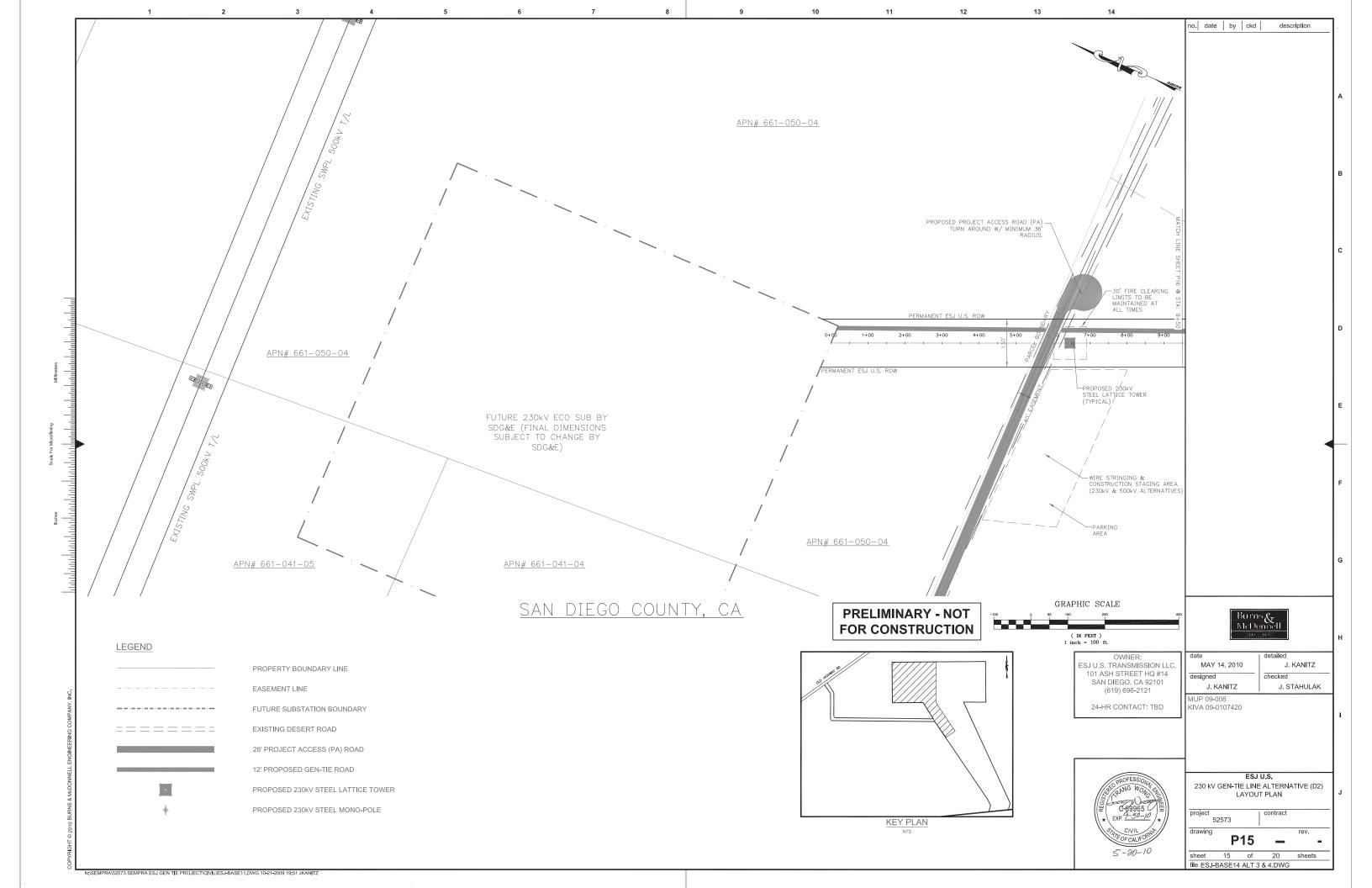


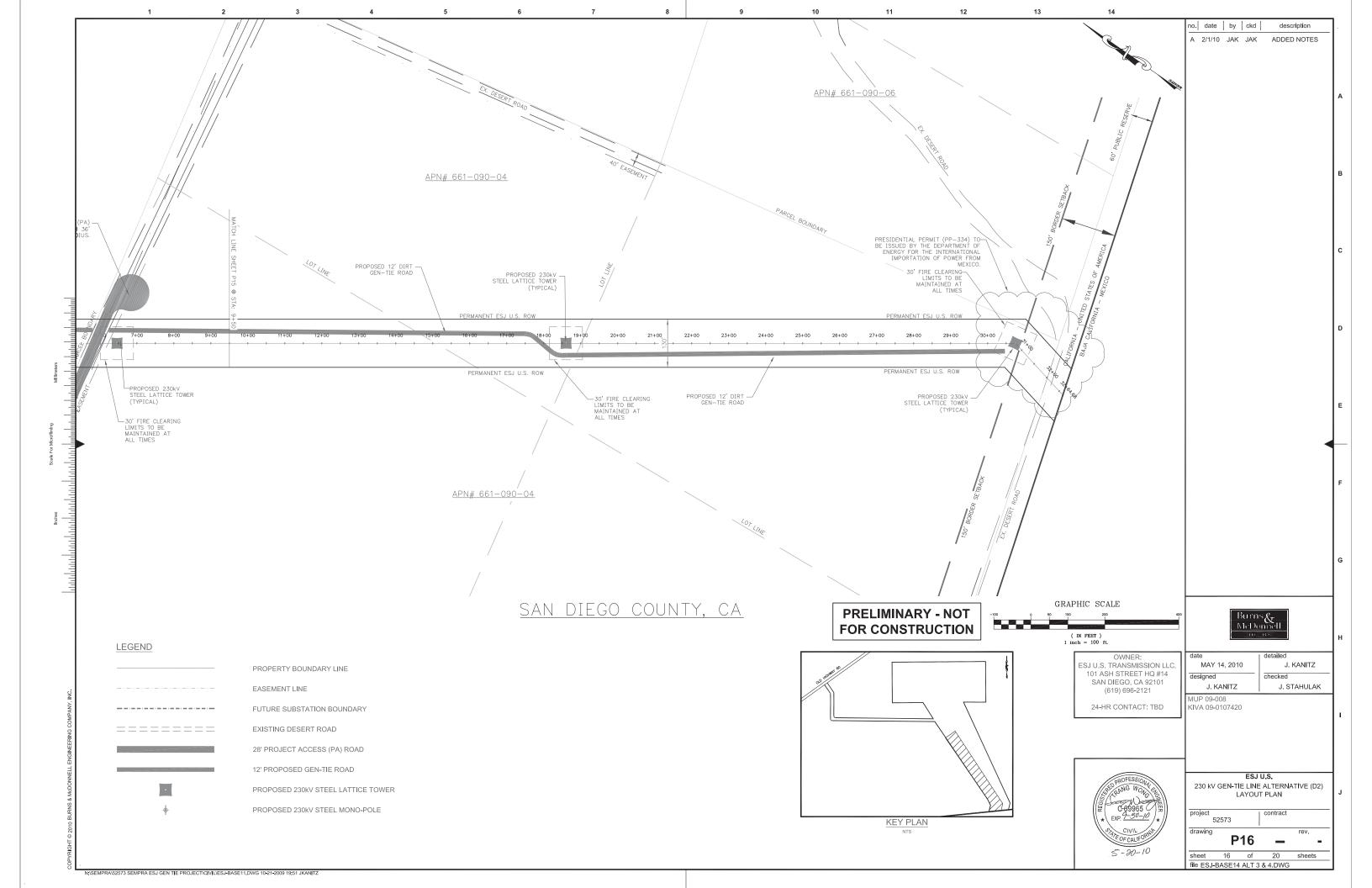
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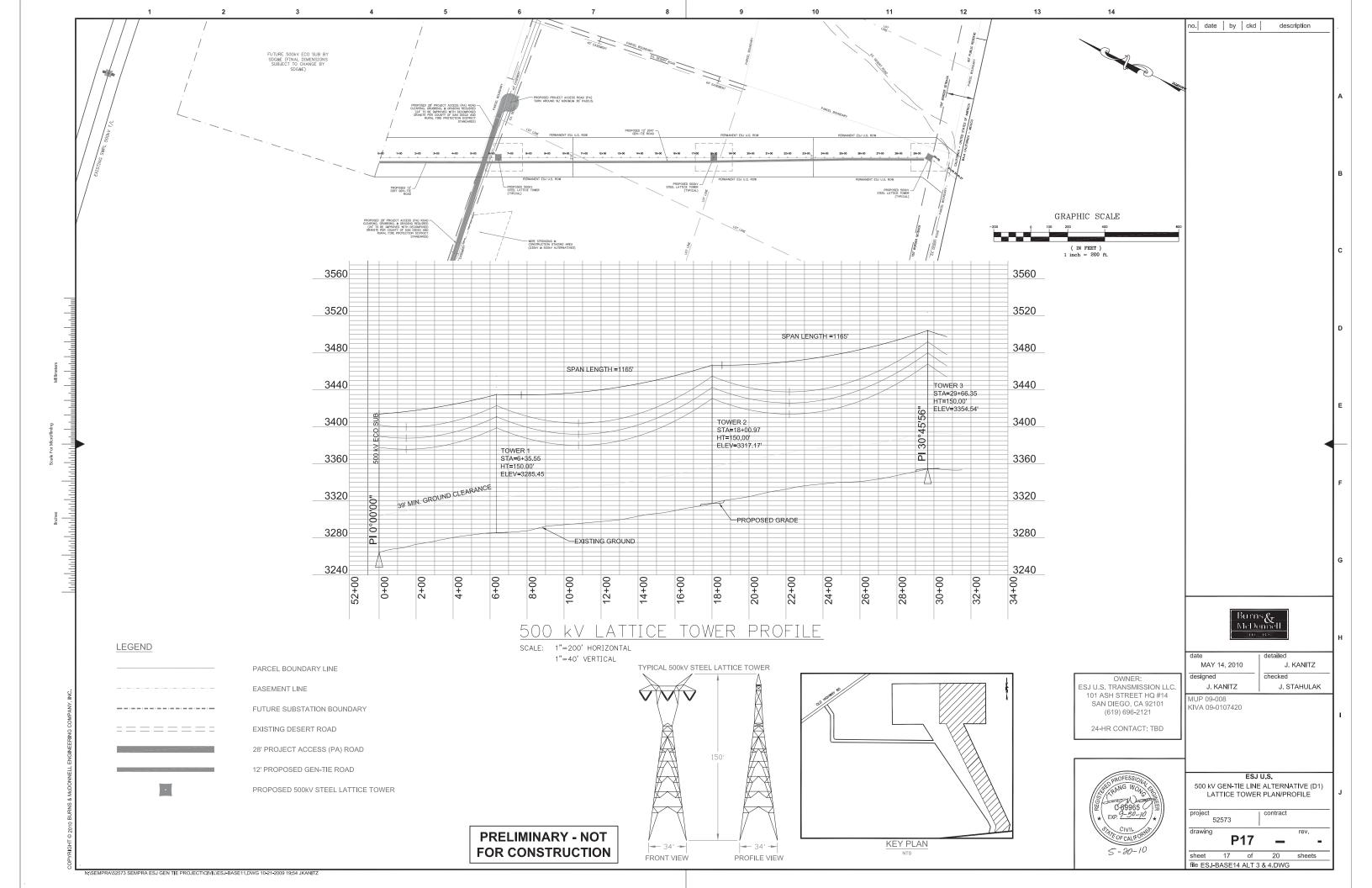


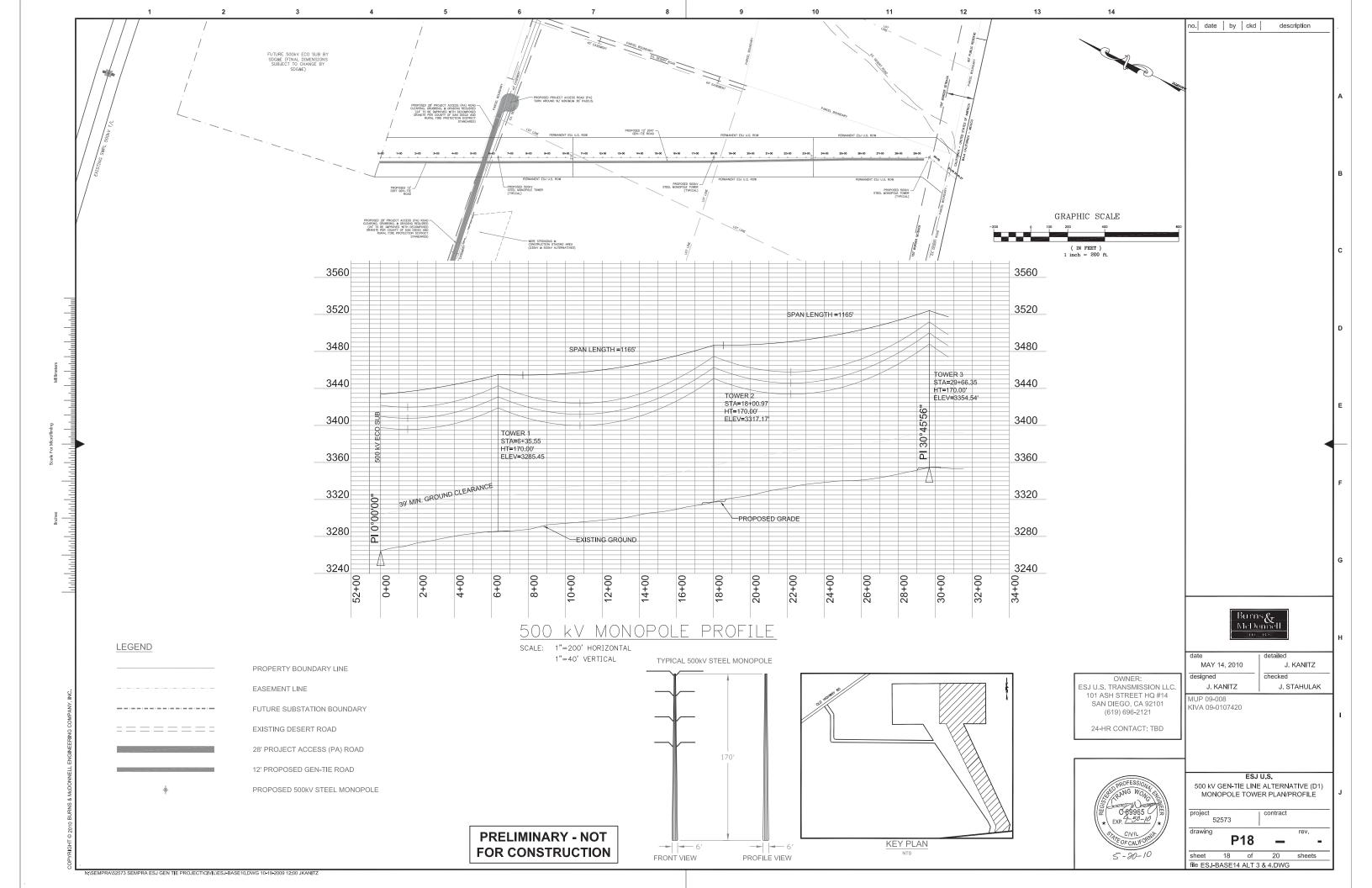


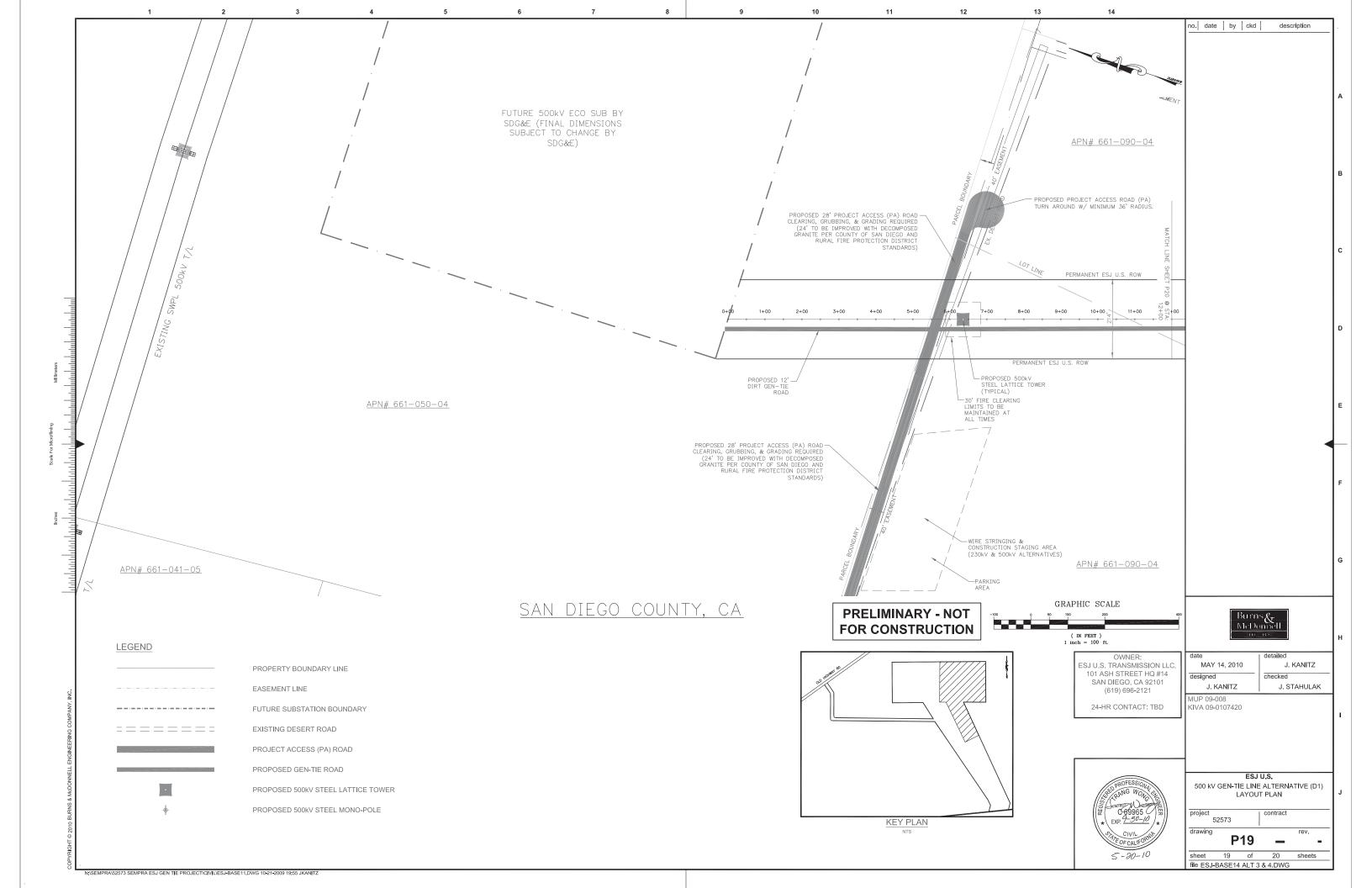


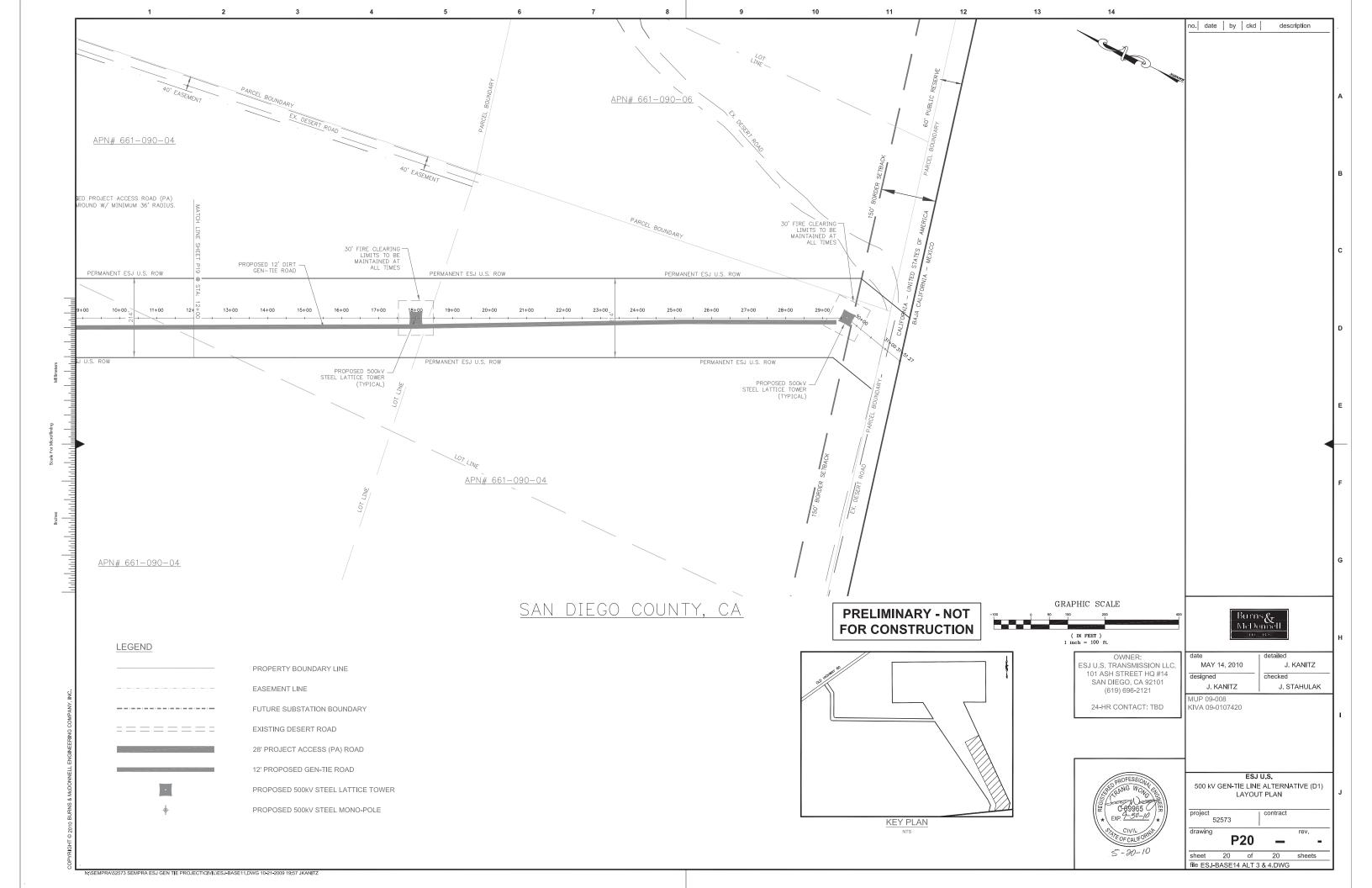












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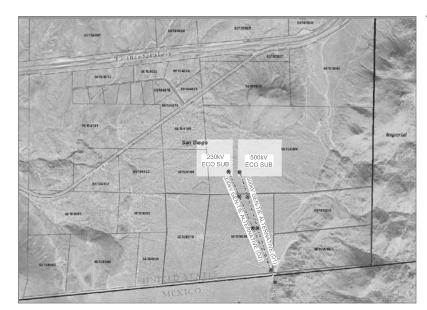
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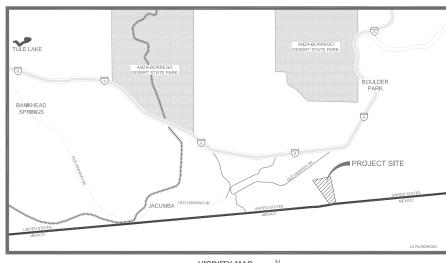
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| C11 | - | 230KV ALTERNATIVE (D2) PRELIM. GRADING & EROSION CONTROL PLAN SHEET 1 OF 2 |
| C12 | - | 230KV ALTERNATIVE (D2) PRELIM. GRADING & EROSION CONTROL PLAN SHEET 2 OF 2 |
| C13 | - | 500KV ALTERNATIVE (D1) PRELIM. GRADING & EROSION CONTROL PLAN SHEET 1 OF 2 |
| C14 | - | 500KV ALTERNATIVE (D1) PRELIM. GRADING & EROSION CONTROL PLAN SHEET 2 OF 2 |
| C15 | - | GRADING & EROSION CONTROL DETAILS |
| C16 | - | PROJECT DRAINAGE MAP |

OWNER: ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ U.S. TRANSMISSION LLC. (ESJ U.S.) SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 (619) 696-2121

ENGINEER: BURNS & MCDONNELL 9400 WARD PARKWAY KANSAS CITY, MO 64114



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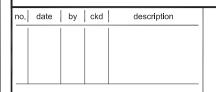
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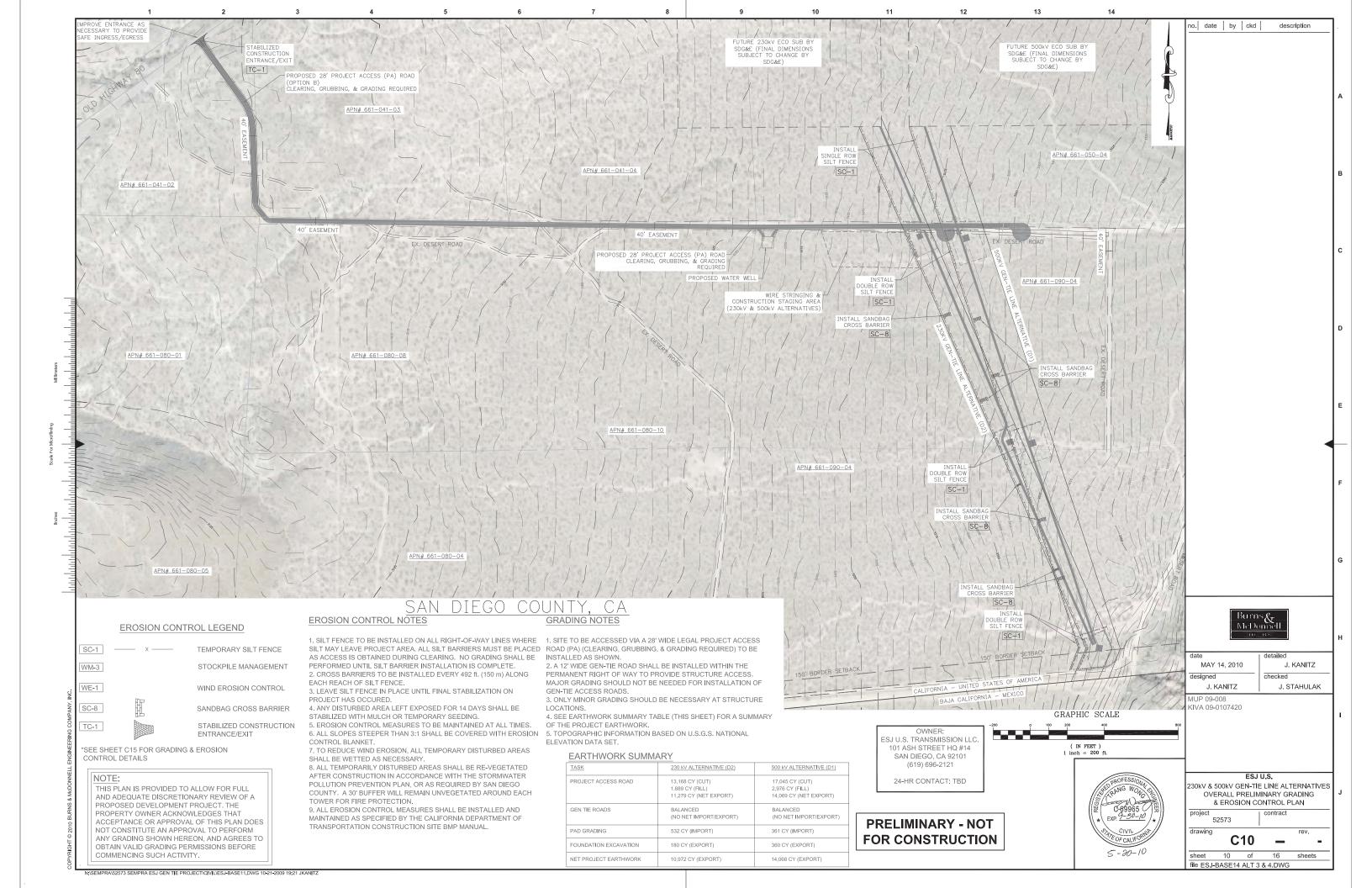
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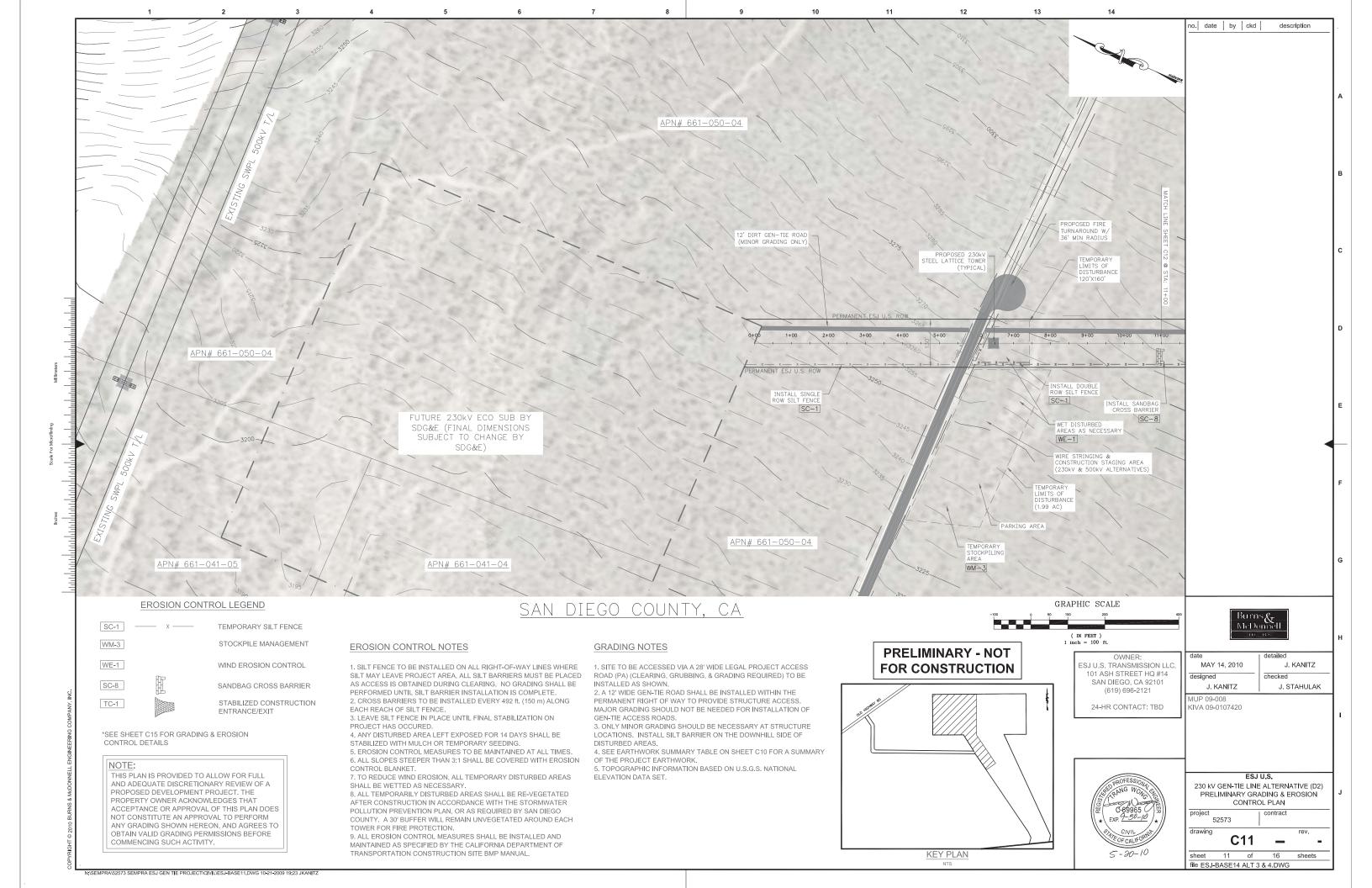
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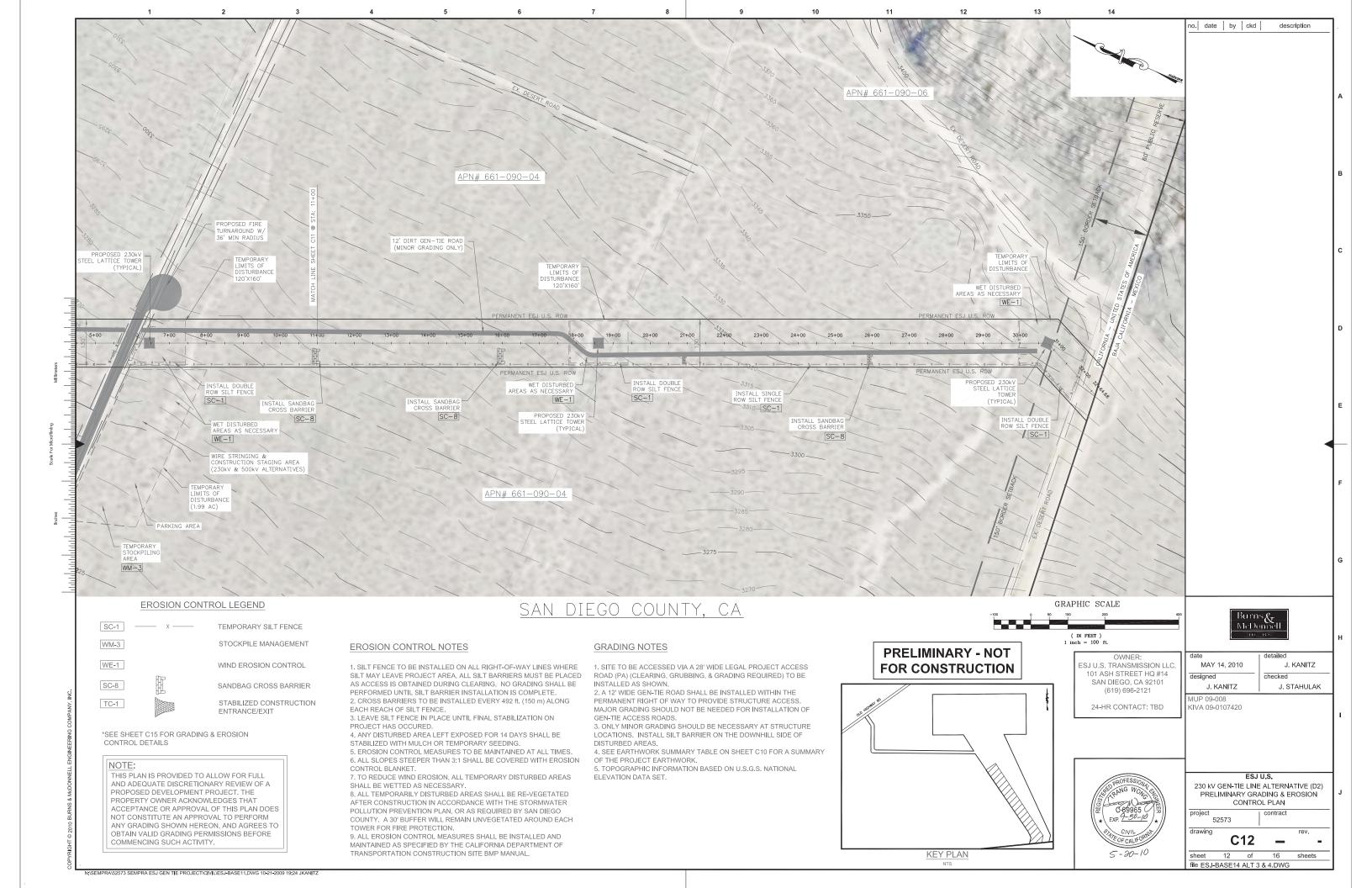
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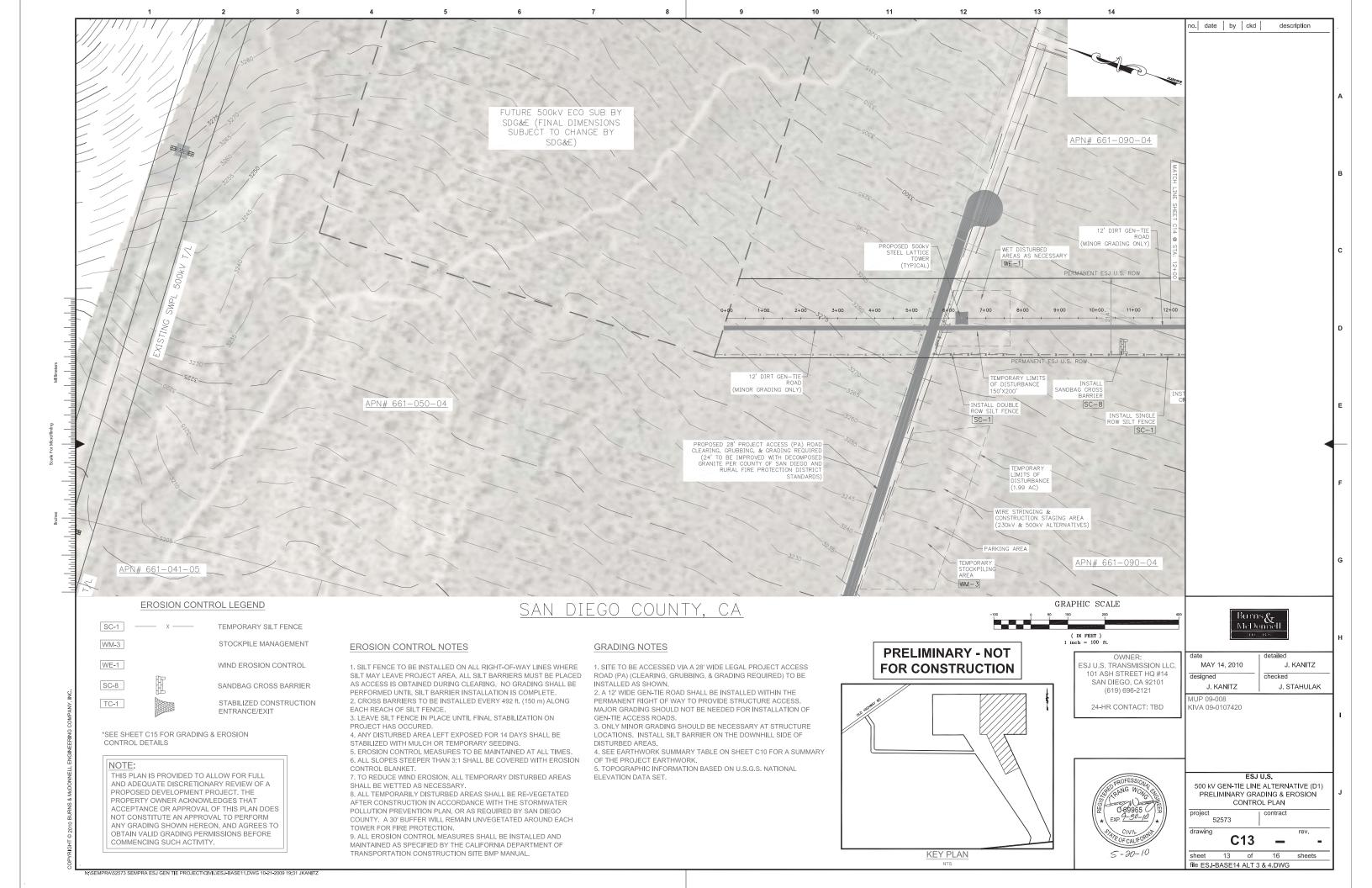


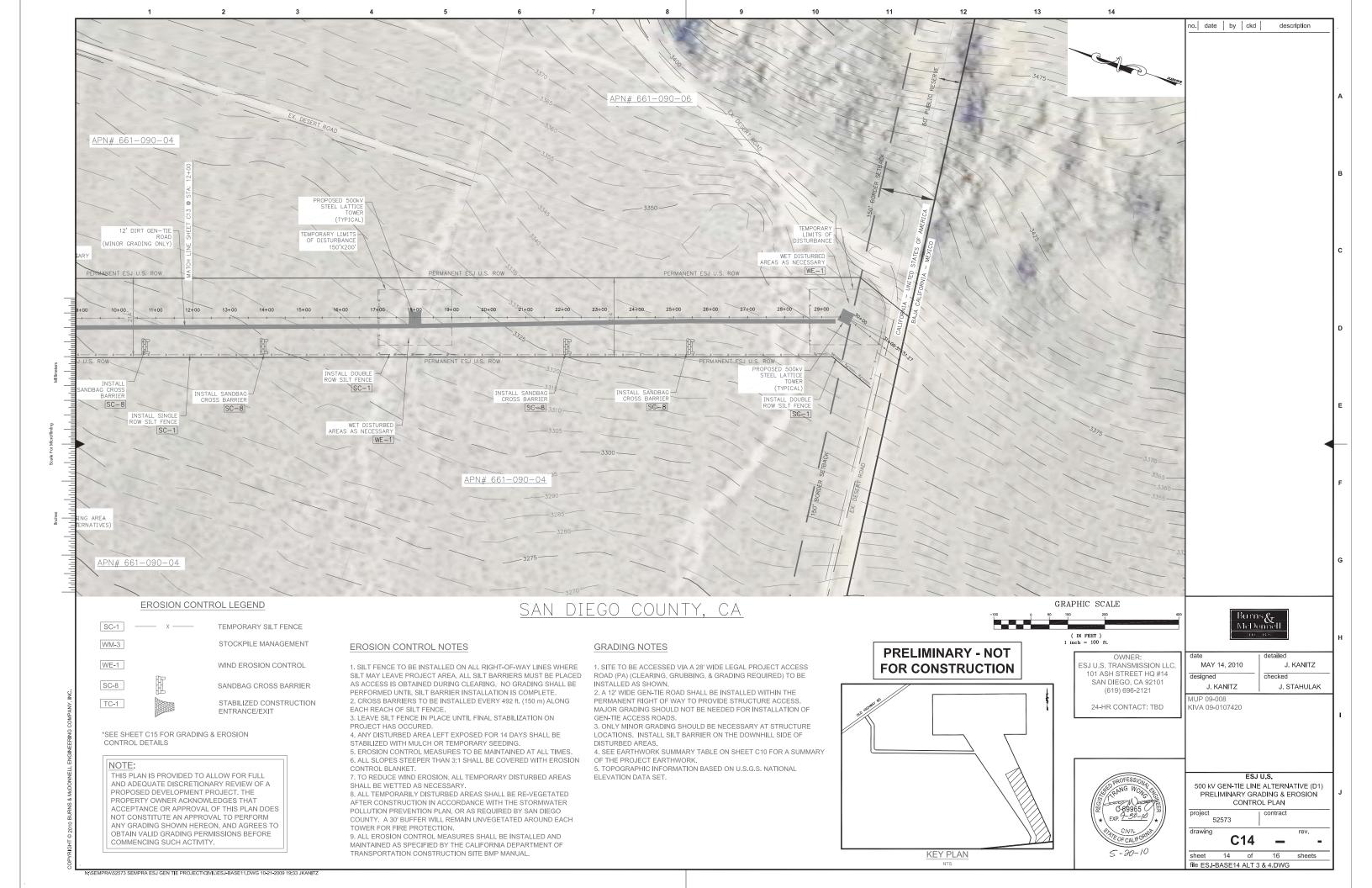


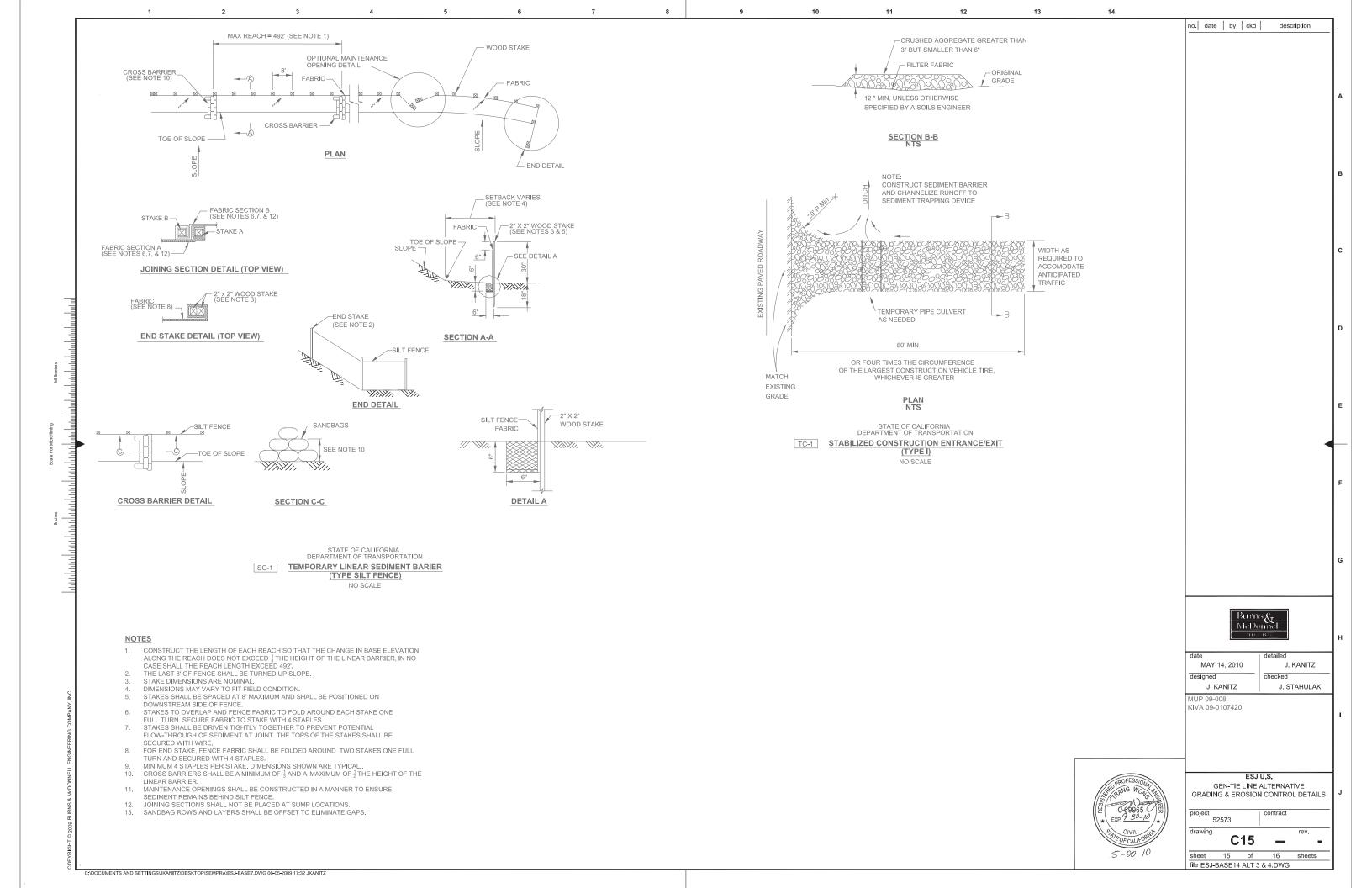


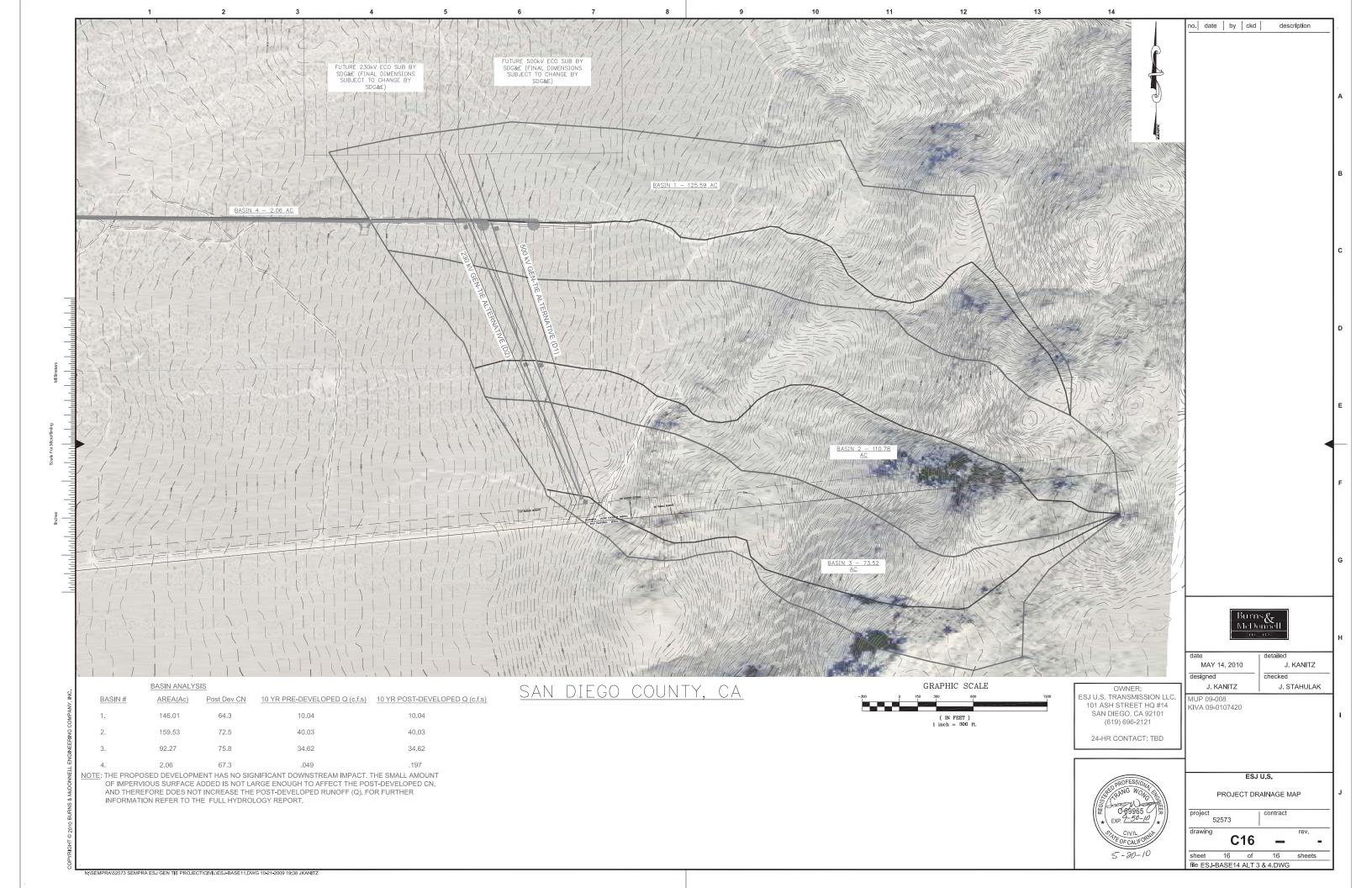




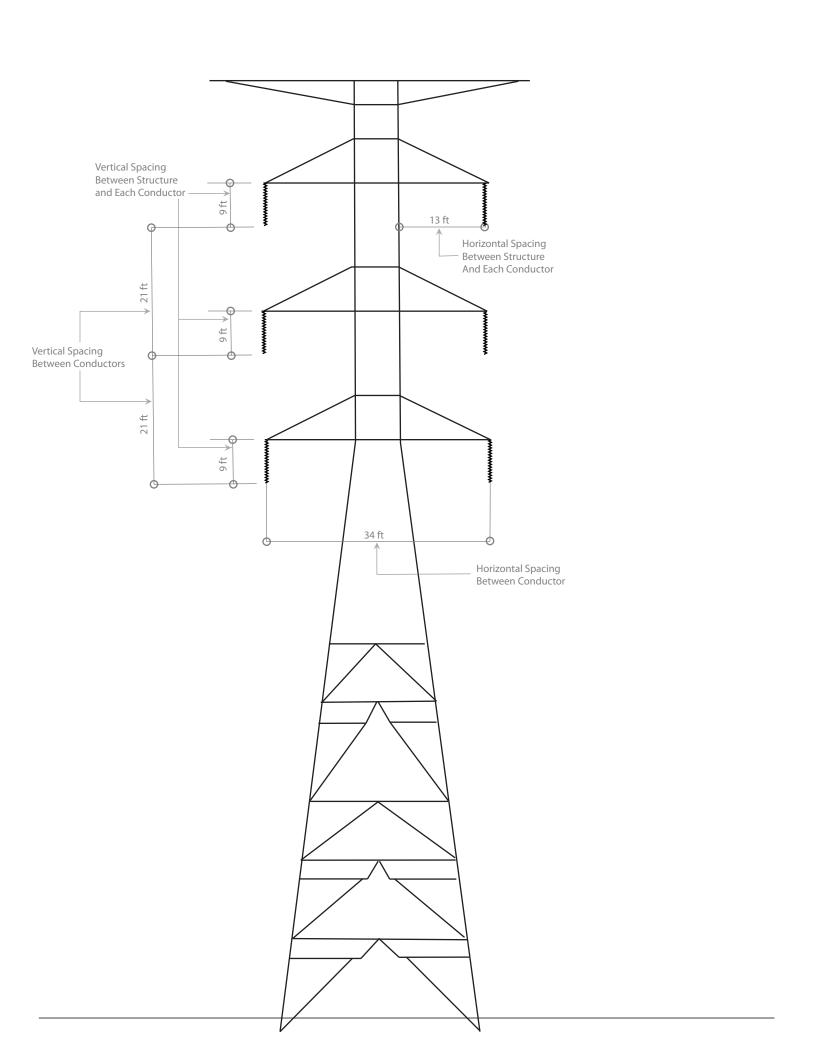


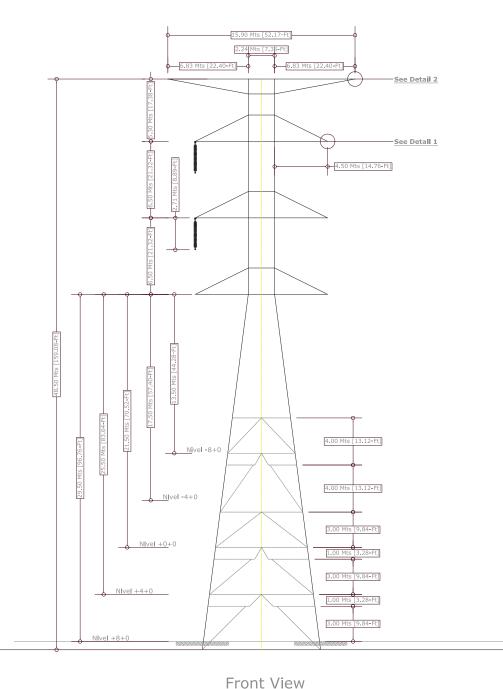


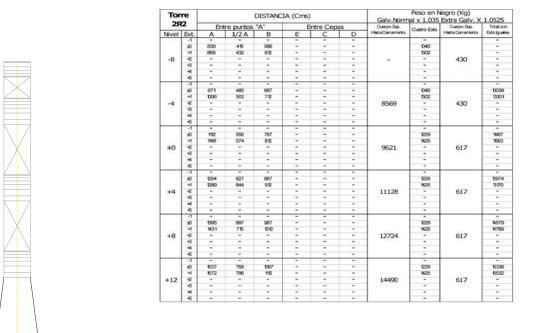


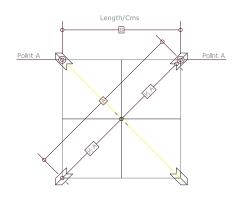


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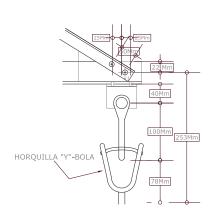




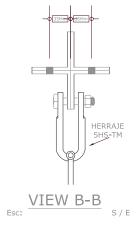




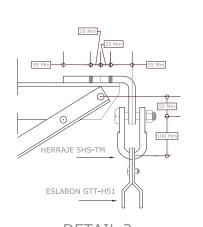
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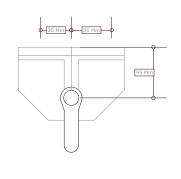
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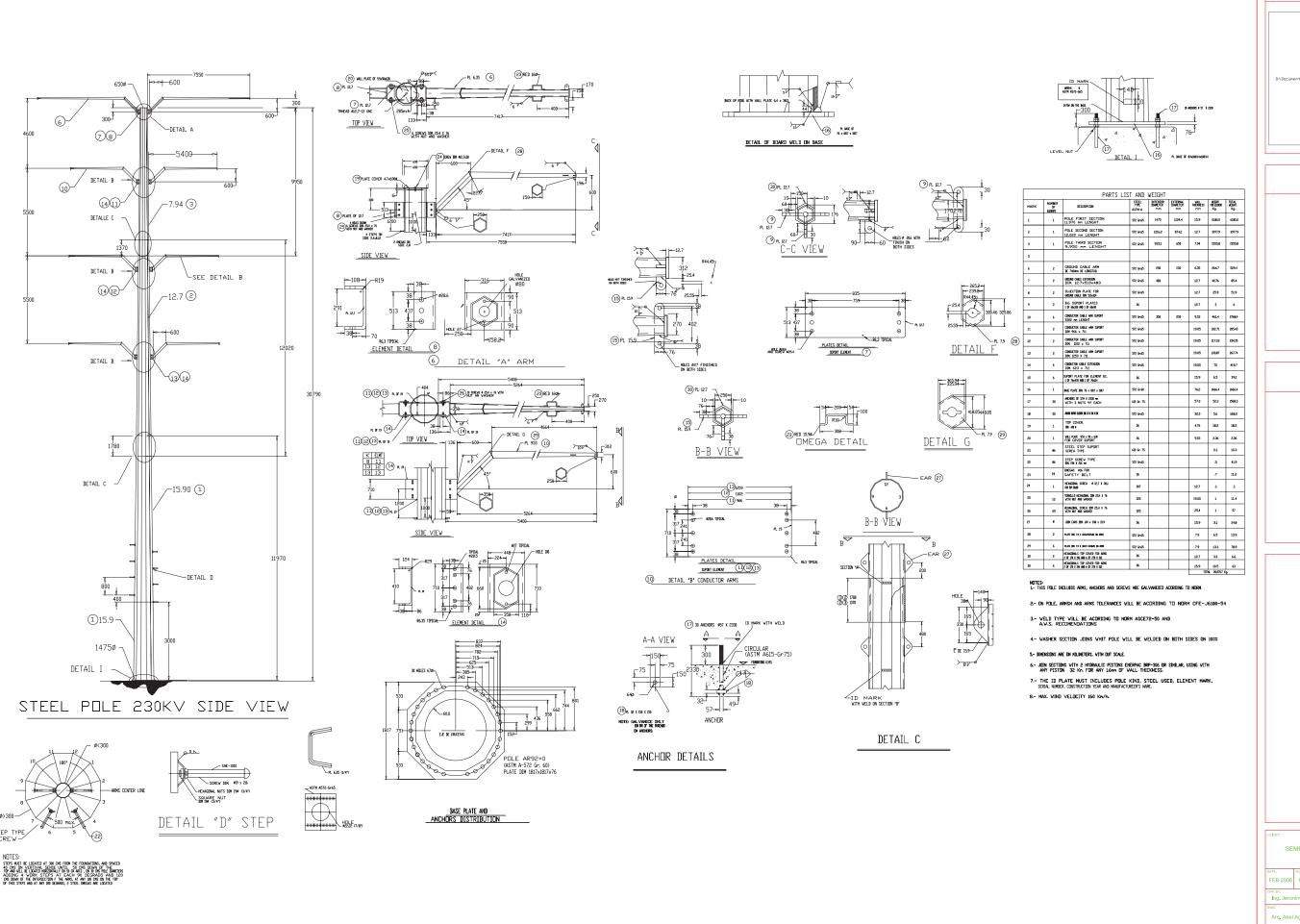


2R2 DEAD END STRUCTURE 2B2 TANGENT STRUCTURE





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LOCATION

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STEEL POLE AR92



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| Appendix B.6 Estimated Equipment and Vehicle Requirements and Utilization Table | |
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Appendix B.6
Estimated Equipment and Vehicle Requirements and Utilization

| | Equipment and Vehicle | | | Working | Daily | Daily | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Activity | Туре | Category | ВНР | Qty | Days | Hours | VMT |
| Survey Sites | Pickup truck | On-road LD | | 1 | 6 | | 50 |
| Worker Commuting | Pickup truck | On-road LD | | 20 | 54 | | 1,000 |
| Marshalling Yards | Pickup truck | On-road LD | | 3 | 54 | | 150 |
| | Water truck | On-road HHD | | 1 | 54 | | 50 |
| | Tractor truck w/trailer | On-road HHD | | 1 | 48 | | 50 |
| | Hydraulic crane, 25 ton | Off-road | 300 | 1 | 36 | 3.33 | |
| | Loader, model 980 | Off-road | 300 | 1 | 48 | 3.75 | |
| | Forklift, 5 ton | Off-road | 155 | 1 | 48 | 3.75 | |
| | Portable generator | Off-road | 5 | 1 | 48 | 3.75 | |
| Grading & Road | Pickup truck | On-road LD | | 2 | 12 | | 100 |
| Work | Water truck | On-road HHD | | 1 | 12 | | 50 |
| | Bulldozer | Off-road | 285 | 1 | 12 | 8 | |
| | Roller | Off-road | 80 | 1 | 12 | 8 | |
| Foundations | Pickup truck | On-road LD | | 2 | 12 | | 100 |
| | Water truck | On-road HHD | | 1 | 12 | | 50 |
| | Concrete truck | On-road HHD | | 2 | 12 | | 200 |
| | Drill rig | Off-road | 600 | 1 | 12 | 10 | |
| Steel Assembly & | Pickup truck | On-road LD | | 3 | 12 | | 150 |
| Erection | Water truck | On-road HHD | | 1 | 12 | | 50 |
| | Tractor truck w/trailer | On-road HHD | | 1 | 12 | | 50 |
| | Crane, 40 ton | Off-road | 350 | 1 | 12 | 10 | |
| | Air compressor | Off-road | 75 | 1 | 12 | 10 | |
| | Portable generator | Off-road | 5 | 1 | 12 | 10 | |
| Conductor | Pickup truck | On-road LD | | 2 | 12 | | 100 |
| Installation | Water truck | On-road HHD | | 1 | 12 | | 50 |
| | Flatbed truck w/reels | On-road MD | | 1 | 12 | | 50 |
| | Rigging truck | On-road MD | | 5 | 12 | | 250 |
| | Dump truck | On-road HHD | | 1 | 6 | | 50 |
| | Puller tensioner | Off-road | 165 | 1 | 12 | 10 | |
| | Splice rig | Off-road | 300 | 1 | 6 | 10 | |
| | Portable generator | Off-road | 5 | 1 | 12 | 10 | |
| Cleanup | Pickup truck | On-road LD | | 2 | 12 | | 100 |

Notes

LD = light duty; MD = medium duty; HHD = heavy heavy duty; BHP = brake horsepower; VMT = vehicle miles traveled Construction activities occur 6 days per week maximum; daily operating hours and daily VMT are maximum estimates. Source: Sempra 2009, as cited in EDAW 2009d.

Appendix B.7 County of San Diego Rural Fire Protection District letter (David Nissen, Division Chief) to County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use, indicating acceptance of the Fire Protection Plan (July 15, 2009). The date of the Fire Protection Plan that was reviewed is not indicated.

Appendix B.8 Short Form Fire Protection Plan (Hunt Research Corporation 2009)

Appendix B.9 County of San Diego Fire Authority letter (Paul Dawson, Fire Marshal) to County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use, indicating acceptance of the September 10, 2009 Fire Protection Plan (November 25, 2009)

Appendix B.10 County of San Diego Rural Fire Protection District letter (June 17, 2011)

July 15, 2009

County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B San Diego, CA 92123-1666

Re: Gen-Tie FPP Approval

Dear Planner,

The San Diego Rural Fire Protection District has reviewed the fire protection plan submitted by the Hunt Research Corporation. The plan meets the objectives of the California Fire Code 2007 edition, as well as the Fire Districts requirements for discretionary projects. Please call me directly with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

David R. Nissen Division Chief

Hunt Research Corporation

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David Nissen Fire Chief Rural Fire Protection District 14145 Campo Rd (Highway 94) Jamul Calif 91935

County of San Diego
Department of Planning and Land Use
Paul Dawson
County Fire Marshal
5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B
San Diego Cal 92123

Gentlemen:

Subject: SHORT FORM FIRE PROTECTION PLAN; LETTER REPORT; REVISED.

Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission Gen-Tie Project (ESJ Gen-Tie.); Jacumba

1.INTRODUCTION:

This revised Fire Protection Plan letter report is being submitted as an evaluation, pursuant to the requirement of the Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD) Fire Chief, and the County DPLU, of the adverse environmental effects that the proposed Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie (ESJ Gen-Tie) project may have from wildland fire and mitigation of those impacts to ensure that the project does not unnecessarily expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires. The use of the short form Fire Protection Plan has been approved by RFPD Fire Chief David Nissen, and by the DPLU County Fire Marshal, Paul Dawson. Revisions in the original plan, dated 5-22-09, have been made in this edition to comply with the comments of 7-15-09, from the DPLU Fire Marshal. The RFPD has approved this Fire Protection Plan.

Emergency Response:

The project is within in the Rural Fire Protection District, who is the "Authority Having Jurisdiction". Staffing is by CALFIRE. Initial response is provided from Fire Station 43 at 1255 Jacumba Street, in Jacumba. Response distance is approximately 4 miles. The staffing currently includes two firefighters 24/7 year around plus 4 volunteers. This station has the following apparatus: A 1,000 GPM structural fire engine and a 1,800-gallon water tender. This station currently responds to about 7-10 calls per week. The additional responding Fire Companies for emergencies, are:

- CDF Whitestar Fire Station in Campo (staffed 24-7; CDF Schedule A contract).
- Campo Indian Reservation Fire Department.
- Boulevard Volunteer Fire Department; Volunteer.

The next closest Rural Fire Protection District Fire Engine is Lake Moreno, which is about a 20-minute response. This is also a volunteer Fire Station.

Other Fire Companies are available as needed per the County and State Mutual Aid response agreements.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The ESJ Gen-Tie project is a high voltage generator tie line to connect new renewable wind power in Northern Baja Mexico into the existing Southwest Power Link transmission line. The line would be either a single circuit 500 kV line or double circuit 230 kV line, a fiber optic line, and a grounding cable, supported on steel lattice or steel monopole towers. Towers have a concrete base. There would be 3 to 5 structures up to about 150' high for lattice towers and up to 170' high for monopoles. There are no buildings. The Right of Way (ROW) is less than 1 mile long from the International Border to the terminus in the U.S. at a proposed San Diego Gas and Electric Co. (SDG&E) East County substation (ECO Substation). The ECO substation is 3.75 miles east of Jacumba, and is south of the Old Highway 80. The facilities in Mexico are out of the scope of this report and the proposed SDG&E substation would be subject to separate fire protection approvals

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:

Location:

The site is in the O Neil Valley, approximately four miles Southeast of Jacumba and adjoining the border. This is Thomas Guide page # 430. It is approximately 2 miles southeast of the closest stick built structures. There is a trailer 0.28 miles southwest of the proposed 230 KV Gen-Tie line. The State CALFIRE FRAP fire hazard classification maps classify this area as a "Very High Fire Hazard Area".

Topography:

The average slope of the property is less than 15%. The actual Right of Way appears to be substantially flat with a slight sloping. There are no hills on the right of way. There are hills offsite.

Geology:

Soil in the ROW appears to be dirt. The legal property access road would be a 24-foot wide dirt road, with a DG surface (see Section 5 below) leading from Old Highway 80 to the power line tie in to the future SDG&E substation.

Flammable Vegetation:

The vegetation on site is considered Semi-desert Chaparral. It appears to be a BEHAVE fuel model SH-2. It is observed to be about one foot high with some jackpots that are about five foot high. It has some spacing between vegetation. Refer to site photos attached.

Climate:

The temperatures in this area can reach an extreme maximum temperature between July and October. The maximum recorded temperature occurred in July, with a temperature of about 112 degrees f. Average maximum temperature in July-September was 92 degrees f in August. Winds used in the fire models were 50 mph at 20' for a fall fire and a 20-foot wind speed of 25 mph for a summer fire. Therefore wind driven fires can occur in times when weather is hot and fuel moistures are low. A 1000-acre fire started in Mexico burned across this site in 2006. Flame lengths were reportedly about 15'.

Environmental Issues:

EDAW, Inc, the Biology and Archeology consultant for ESJ U.S., reports that there is sensitive habitat (vegetation and wildlife) present in the Right Of Way. They also state there are Cultural sites in the Right of Way. Therefore, per EDAW, fuel modification cannot be done in areas of the Cultural sites, and machinery cannot be used for fuel modification along the ROW. Fuel Modification (other than the 30' around towers which would be done) cannot be done without providing required offsetting mitigation.

4. WATER SUPPLY:

There are no buildings involved in this project and therefore there are no water requirements.

5.ACCESS ROADS:

Location:

The Fire access road would be off Old Highway 80, and would be a dirt road. It will be a twenty eight foot (28') graded width which shall be improved to about 24' in width with decomposed granite (DG) where it connects from old Highway 80 to the power line tie in (this project) to the future SDG&E substation. A turnaround will be required within 150' of the termination of the road at the substation. Consultant recommends that this

preferably be at the termination of the road. A 20' wide, dirt, access road will be provided along the right of way for maintenance of the Gen-Tie line and for patrolling of the property. Road grade on the roads is estimated to be less than 10%.

6. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION:

There will be no buildings in the scope of this project. There will only be steel towers and electrical lines. The closest structures are a trailer about 0.28 mile southwest of the property, and stick built structures about 2 miles west. The town of Jacumba is 3.75 miles west.

7. FENCING:

There will be no fencing.

8.FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS:

There are no buildings in this project so there are no Fire Protection systems required or necessary.

9.AIR OPERATIONS:

The applicant shall obtain letters of approval from CALFIRE Air operations, due to the potential for the operation of CALFIRE aircraft in the area during a fire. In addition, there is a small airport in Jacumba. The towers will need to comply with any applicable FAA regulations, and may need warning lights on them due to proximity of the airport and the potential for Firefighting aircraft to operate in the area.

10.DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

Per this Fire Protection Plan, this site will have 30 feet (30') of fuel modification on all sides of the towers. Within that 30 feet (30'), the area may be cleared, concreted, graveled or vegetation would be cut to 6 inches (6") high.

The PRC, Sections 4292 and 4293 Code require 10-foot (10') clearance from base of poles (or towers) and 10 feet (10') between vegetation and wires.

In addition, the CALFIRE Power Line Fire Prevention Field Guide, dated 10-08, and co authored by Sempra Energy, SDGE, and other power companies requires 10-foot (10') clearance from the base of poles (or towers), 10 feet (10') between vegetation and wires and marking of poles. The requirements in this guide would be complied with, as and where applicable to this line. This guide is on the Office of State Fire Marshal website at OSFM.Fire.Ca.Gov; click "programs", click "Wildland Fire Prevention Engineering", click "Power Line Fire Prevention Field Guide".

ESJ has agreed to provide 30' tower clearance, 10 feet (10') between vegetation and wires, and marking of towers. ESJ would also comply with any new, applicable, regulations by the PUC, CPUC, or other jurisdictional agencies.

It is the strong recommendation of the consultant that there must be no new plants, shrubs, trees, etc planted in the Right of Way or in the area 30 feet (30') on each side of the ROW, as this would increase the fire hazard and present a risk to the towers and the power lines, and can result in potentially causing arcing to the ground from wires during a fire on the ROW. Wires can also slap together during high winds and cause sparks to fall into vegetation. If new vegetation is mandated by the County for screening purposes, then there must be no new vegetation, including trees, in the ROW and 30 feet (30') on each side. In addition there must be no new vegetation, including trees, beyond the 30 feet (30') to each side of the ROW, and on the property, that is found on the Prohibited Plant List attached to this report.

It is understood, from EDAW consultants, that no fuel modification can be done in sensitive habitat, or archeological sites, or if otherwise prohibited, without permission of the County DPLU and the Resource Agencies. It is also understood that the Fire District can require additional Fuel Modification, upon inspection, subject to constraints of the sensitive habitat and Archeological sites. Per EDAW, machinery should not be used for Fuel Modification on the ROW due to the sensitive areas.

During Fuel Modification, consideration would be given, by applicant, to potentials for erosion and slope instability, in order to prevent damage to tower foundations.

11. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT:

Prescribed defensible space would be maintained on at least an annual basis, prior to May 1, or more often as needed by the applicant. All present and future owners/operators must be put on legal notice by a legally binding recorded instrument as to the requirement to maintain the vegetation in a fire safe manner.

12. FIRE BEHAVIOR MODELING

A computerized Fire Behavior Model is not required for this project per the Fire District, or the County DPLU.

However, BEHAVE modeling was done by the consultant to evaluate the on site fire risk and needed fuel modification. The SH-2 model was used. Vegetation canopy height was assumed to be 5'. The results are:

| Fire | Flame Length | Rate of Spread | Spotting downwind |
|--------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Summer | 9.4' | 0.33 MPH | 0.5 miles |
| Fall | 15.8' | 1 MPH | 1.2 miles |

The spotting distance would be 0.4 miles.

The power lines are approximately 150 to 170' above grade.

Note: models are guidelines only. Actual fire behavior can be more or less intensive.

The modeling shows that airborne burning embers may reach a potentially habitable trailer, which is located off the property, about 0.28 miles to the southwest. This may require that a Fire Engine Crew go to that trailer during a fire to provide protection for it, and extinguish spot fires, during a wind driven fire.

13. FIRE DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS:

ESJ LLC agrees, and fully intends, to work with the Rural Fire Protection District Fire Chief to resolve any of his concerns and any Fire District requirements for equipment, mitigation fees, etc. All final approvals and agreements are to be obtained from the Fire Chief. The Fire District has approved this Fire Protection Plan.

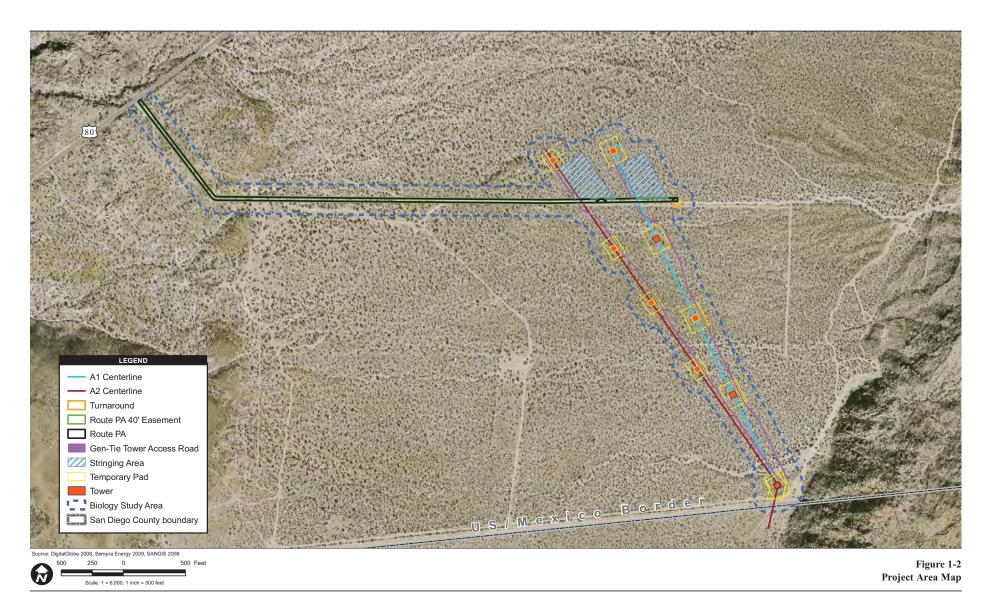
14. SUMMARY/DISCLAIMER

Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, design and construction are out of the scope of this plan and are the responsibility of others. Applicant may submit requests for review and approval of alternative materials and methods which have the same practical effect and equivalency as the materials and methods required or recommended in this plan.

As Fire is unpredictable and dynamic, this plan cannot guarantee that a fire will not occur or will not cause damage to property or injury or death to humans or animals. There are no guarantees made, expressed or implied, regarding the effectiveness or adequacy of any recommendations or requirements in this plan for all fire situations. However, the Fire Protection concepts proposed in this plan should lessen the impact upon the Fire District.

Any official Fire Protection requirements and approvals will be set forth by the RFPD and the County DPLU Fire Marshal.

James W Hunt, President Hunt Research Corporation
Prepared by President. Date 9-11-09



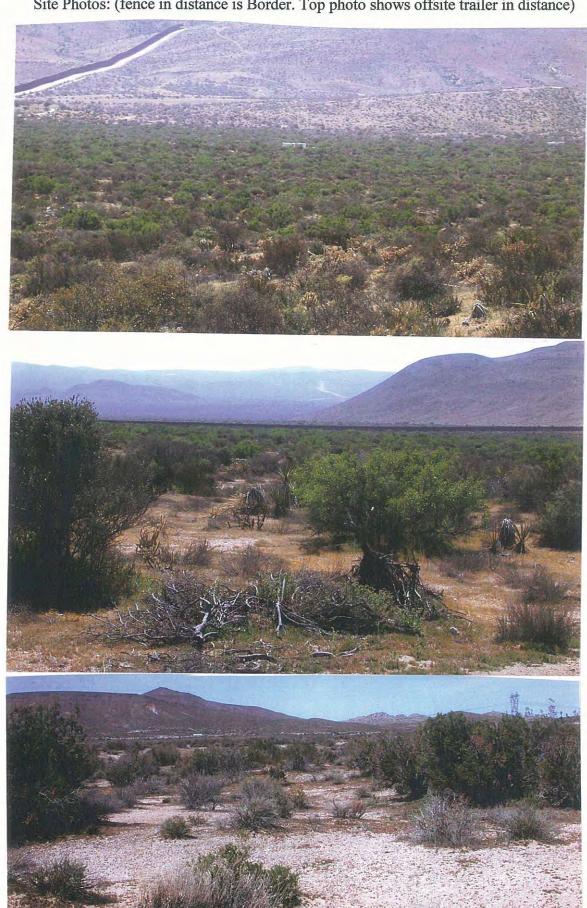
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behalf of ESJ U.S. Transmission LLC by (Signature, Date, and printed name)

Attach: Figure 1-2 Project Area Map Attach: Site Photos

Attach: Prohibited Plant List

Site Photos: (fence in distance is Border. Top photo shows offsite trailer in distance)



Some Examples of Prohibited Plants

| Botanical Name | Common Name | Comment* |
|---|---|----------|
| | Trees | |
| Abies species | Fir | F |
| Acacia species (numerous) | Acacia | F, I |
| Agonis juniperina | Juniper Myrtle | F |
| Araucaria species (A. heterophylla, A. araucana, A. bidwillii) | Araucaria (Norfolk Island Pine, Monkey Puzzie Tree, Bunya Bunya) | F |
| Callistemon species (C. citrinus, C. rosea, C. viminalis) | Bottlebrush (Lemon, Rose, Weeping) | F |
| Calocedrus decurrens | Incense Cedar | F |
| Casuarina cunninghamiana | River She-Oak | F |
| Cedrus species (C. atlantica, C. deodara) | Cedar (Atlas, Deodar) | F |
| Chamaecyparis species (numerous) | False Cypress | F |
| Cinnamomum camphora | Camphor | F |
| Cryptomeria japonica | Japanese Cryptomeria | F |
| Cupressocyparis leylandii | Leyland Cypress | F |
| Cupressus species (C. fobesii, C. glabra, C. sempervirens,) | Cypress (Tecate, Arizona, Italian, others) | F . |
| Eucalyptus species (numerous) | Eucalyptus | F,! |
| Juniperus species (numerous) | Juniper | F |
| Larix species (L. decidua, L. occidentalis, L. kaempferi) | Larch (European, Japanese, Western) | F |
| Leptospermum species (L. laevigatum, L. petersonii) | Tea Tree (Australian, Tea) | F |
| Lithocarpus densiflorus | Tan Oak | F |
| Melaleuca species (M. linariifolia, M. nesophila, M. quinquenervia) | Melaleuca (Flaxleaf, Pink, Cajeput Tree) | F, 1 |
| Olea europea | Olive | 1 |
| Picea (numerous) | Spruce | F |
| Palm species (numerous) | Paim | F, I |
| Pinus species (P. brutia, P. canariensis, P. b. eldarica, P. halepensis, P. pinea, P. | Pine (Calabrian, Canary Island, Mondell, Aleppo, Italian Stone, Monterey) | F |

Some examples of Prohibited Plants

| Botanical Name Common Name Comment* | | | |
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| radiata, numerous others) | | | |
| Platycladus orientalis | Oriental arborvitae | F | |
| Podocarpus species (P. gracilior, P. macrophyllus, P. latifolius) | Fern Pine (Fern, Yew, Podocarpus) | F | |
| Pseudotsuga menziesii | Douglas Fir | F | |
| Schinus species (S. molle, S. terebenthifolius) | Pepper (California and Brazilian) | F, I | |
| Tamarix species (T. africana, T. aphylla, T. chinensis, T. parviflora) | Tamarix (Tamarisk, Athel Tree, Salt Cedar, Tamarisk) | F, I | |
| Taxodium species (T. ascendens, T. distichum, T. mucronatum) | Cypress (Pond, Bald, Monarch, Montezuma) | F | |
| Taxus species (T. baccata, T. brevifolia, T. cuspidata) | Yew (English, Western, Japanese) | F | |
| Thuja species (T. occidentalis, T. plicata) | Arborvitae/Red Cedar | F | |
| Tsuga species (T. heterophylla, T. mertensiana) | Hemlock (Western, Mountain) | F | |
| | Groundcovers, Shrubs & Vines | | |
| Acacia species | Acacia | F, I | |
| Adenostoma fasciculatum | Chamise | F | |
| Adenostoma sparsifolium | Red Shanks | F | |
| Agropyron repens | Quackgrass | F, I | |
| Anthemis cotula | Mayweed | F, I | |
| Arbutus menziesii | Madrone | F · | |
| Arctostaphylos species | Manzanita | F | |
| Arundo donax | Giant Reed | F, I | |
| Artemisia species (A. abrotanium, A. absinthium, A. califomica, A. caucasica, A. dracunculus, A. tridentata, A. pynocephala) | Sagebrush (Southernwood, Wormwood, California, Silver, True tarragon, Big, Sandhill) | F | |
| Atriplex species (numerous) | Saltbush | F, I | |
| Avena fatua | Wild Oat | F | |
| Baccharis pilularis | Coyote Bush | F | |
| Bambusa species | Bamboo | F, I | |
| Bougainvillea species | Bougainvillea | F, I | |
| Brassica species (B. campestris, B. nigra, B. rapa) | Mustard (Field, Black, Yellow) | F, I | |

Some examples of Prohibited Plants

| Botanical Name | Common Name | Comment* |
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| Bromus rubens | Foxtail, Red brome | F, I |
| Castanopsis chrysophylla | Giant Chinquapin | F |
| Cardaria draba | Hoary Cress | 1 |
| Carpobrotus species | Ice Plant, Hottentot Fig | 1 |
| Cirsium vulgare | Wild Artichoke | F,I |
| Conyza bonariensis | Horseweed | F |
| Coprosma pumila | Prostrate Coprosma | F |
| Cortaderia selloana | Pampas Grass | F, I |
| Cytisus scoparius | Scotch Broom | F, I |
| Dodonaea viscosa | Hopseed Bush | · F |
| Eriodictyon californicum | Yerba Santa | F |
| Eriogonum species (E. fasciculatum) | Buckwheat (California) | F |
| Fremontodendron species | Flannel Bush | F |
| Hedera species (H. canariensis, H. helix) | Ivy (Algerian, English) | and the same of th |
| Heterotheca grandiflora | Telegraph Plant | F |
| Hordeum leporinum | Wild barley | F, I |
| Juniperus species | Juniper | F |
| Lactuca serriola | Prickly Lettuce | 1 |
| Larix species (numerous) | Larch | F |
| Larrea tridentata | Creosote bush | F |
| Lolium multiflorum | Ryegrass | F, I |
| Lonicera japonica | Japanese Honeysuckle | F |
| Mahonia species | Mahonia | F |
| Mimulus aurantiacus | Sticky Monkeyflower | F |
| Miscanthus species | Eulalie Grass | F |
| Muhlenbergia species | Deer Grass | F |
| Nicotiana species (N. bigelovii, N. glauca) | Tobacco (Indian, Tree) | F, I |
| Pennisetum setaceum | Fountain Grass | F, I |
| Perovskia atroplicifolia | Russian Sage | F |
| Phoradendron species | Mistletoe | F |
| Pickeringia montana | Chaparral Pea | F |
| Rhus (R. diversiloba, R. laurina, R. lentii) | Sumac (Poison oak, Laurel, Pink Flowering) | F |
| Ricinus communis | Castor Bean | F, I |
| Rhus Lentii | Pink Flowering Sumac | F |

Some examples of Prohibited Plants

| Botanical Name | Common Name | Comment* |
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| Rosmarinus species | Rosemary | F |
| Salvia species (numerous) | Sage | F, I |
| Salsola australis | Russian Thistle | F, I |
| Solanum Xantii | Purple Nightshade (toxic) | 1 |
| Silybum marianum | Milk Thistle | F, 1 |
| Thuja species | Arborvitae | F |
| Urtica urens | Burning Nettle | F |
| Vinca major | Periwnkle | l l |

*F = flammable, I = Invasive

NOTES:

- Plants on this list that are considered invasive are a partial list of commonly found plants. There are many other plants considered invasive that should not be planted in a fuel modification zone and they can be found on The California Invasive Plant Council's Website www.cal-ipc.org/ip/inventory/index.php. Other plants not considered invasive at this time may be determined to be invasive after further study.
- 2. For the purpose of using this list as a guide in selecting plant material, it is stipulated that all plant material will burn under various conditions
- 3. The absence of a particular plant, shrub, groundcover, or tree, from this list does not necessarily mean it is fire resistive.
- 4. All vegetation used in Vegetation Management Zones and elsewhere shall be subject to approval of the Fire Marshal.
- 5. Landscape architects may submit proposals for use of certain vegetation on a project specific basis. They shall also submit justifications as to the fire resistivity of the proposed vegetation.
- 6. This list was prepared by Hunt Research Corporation and Dudek and associates and reviewed by, Scott Franklin Consulting co.



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE FIRE SERVICES SECTION

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November 25, 2009

County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B San Diego, CA 92123

Attn: Patrick Brown, Project Planner

RE: MUP 09-008 - ESJ US GEN-TIE

San Diego Rural Fire Protection District Revised Fire Protection Plan - incomplete

We have examined the revised Fire Protection Plan (FPP) – Letter Report prepared by Hunt Research Corporation, dated September 10, 2009, for compliance with the County Fire Code, County Building Code and CCR Title 14, "SRA Fire Safe Regulations". The proposed project would consist of a 2 mile long single circuit 500 kV line or a double-circuit 230 kV line supported of three to five 150-foot steel lattice towers or 170-foot steel monopoles in area approximately 4 miles east of Jacumba.

All corrections identified in our letter dated July 8, 2009 have been incorporated into the revised FPP. We again support the consultant's recommendation that no new vegetation be planted for screening purposes that would compromise fuel management.

We have not received documentation of acceptance by the local fire authority – San Diego Rural Fire Protection District – as of this date. We will be in a position to accept it when the local fire authority does.

Paul Dawson, Fire Marshal San Diego County Fire Authority Department of Planning and Land Use

c: Dave Nissen, Fire Chief, San Diego Rural Fire Protection District

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June 17, 2011

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Re: DOI-BLM-CA-D070-2010-0027-EIS (ECO Sub)

DOI-BLM-CA-D070-2008-0040-EIS (Tule Wind)

Comments on Joint DEIR/DEIS dated December 24, 2010

Dear Mssrs. Fisher and Thomsen:

We represent the San Diego Rural Fire Protection District ("District") in its review of the Joint DEIR/DEIS listed above (the "DEIR/DEIS"). This letter supplements our letters to you dated January 4, 2011 and March 4, 2011 (together, the "Letters") regarding the analyses of impacts and adequacy of mitigation provided in Section D.15 Fire and Fuels Management of the DEIR/DEIS as those analyses and mitigation measures relate to the ESJ Gen-Tie Project. The comments in the Letters remain unaltered as they relate to the Tule Wind Project and the ECO Substation Project. The District appreciates the opportunity to further comment upon the DEIR/DEIS.

The DEIR/DEIS identifies the potential for all three projects to significantly increase the probability of wildfires. Mitigation Measures are provided in the DEIR/DEIS with the intent to mitigate the increased probability of wildfires.

The District has worked with the applicant for the ESJ Gen-Tie Project to further modify the Mitigation Measures to address the concerns expressed in our Letters. A final set of Mitigation Measures acceptable to the District is attached to this letter as Exhibit "A".

To clarify for the record, the applicant for the ESJ Gen-Tie Project has entered into a development agreement with the District. In addition, the applicant has obtained the District's approval of a project-specific Fire Protection Plan that, among other things, satisfies the requirements of Mitigation Measure FF-4.

The District concludes that the applicant for the ESJ Gen-Tie Project will have adequately mitigated for the increased probability of wildfire through timely satisfaction of each and every requirement of the Mitigation Measures attached as Exhibit "A", the development agreement, and the project-specific Fire Protection Plan. Further, the District concludes that through satisfaction of each and

Mssrs. Fisher and Thomsen June 17, 2011 Page 2

every requirement of those Mitigation Measures, implementation of the project design features described in the DEIR/DEIS where applicable, and satisfaction of each and every requirement of the development agreement and project-specific Fire Protection Plan, the ESJ Gen-Tie Project will not significantly obstruct fire protection activities and that the applicant has adequately addressed the additional fire risks posed by the project.

Very truly yours,

Cynthia L. Eldred, Esq.

THE LAW OFFICE OF CYNTHIA L. ELDRED

Attachment

cc: (via electronic mail only)

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San Diego Rural Fire Protection District

Patrick P. Brown, Project Planner, County of San Diego

Taylor Miller, Esq., Counsel for Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission LLC

Alberto Abreu, Director - Project Development, Sempra Generation

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MM FF-1

Develop and implement a Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan. ESJ shall develop a Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan for the ESJ Gen-tie line Project and monitor construction activities to ensure implementation and effectiveness of the plan. The Plan reviewer shall be the Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD). ESJ shall provide a draft copy of this plan to the RFPD at least 90 days before the start of any construction activities. The final plan will be approved by the RFPD prior to the initiation of construction activities and provided to the applicant for implementation during all construction activities.

At minimum, the plan will include the following:

- Applicable components of the SDG&E Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice (2009)
- Procedures for minimizing potential ignition
 - o vegetation clearing
 - o fuel modification establishment
 - o parking requirements
 - o smoking restrictions
 - o hot work restrictions
- Identification of an on-site Fire Coordinator and definition of their responsibilities
- Identification of appropriate fire suppression equipment on site at all times work is occurring
- The applicable requirements of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Article 8, Section 918 (b) "Fire Protection" for private land portions
- On-site access road widths as provided in a Fire Protection Plan approved by the RFPD. Emergency response and reporting procedures
- Emergency contact information
- Worker education materials; kick-off and tailgate meeting schedules
- Other information as provided by the Rural Fire Protection District

Additional restrictions will include the following:

- During the construction phase of the project, the applicant shall implement ongoing fire patrols. The applicant shall maintain fire patrols during construction hours and for one (1) hour after end of daily construction, and hotwork.
- ESJ shall comply with County Code Title 9 regarding brush management. ESJ

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and/or its contractor shall clear brush and dead and decaying vegetation from the work area prior to starting construction and/or maintenance work. The work area includes only those areas where personnel are active or where equipment is in use or stored, and may include portions of the transmission ROW, construction laydown areas, pull sites, access roads, parking pads, and any other sites adjacent to the ROW where personnel are active or where equipment is in use or stored.

- Combustible storage and trash shall be properly stored in a clear area with fuel modification around it, and be away from turbines and the substation. Such storage shall be orderly and be removed from the site as soon as possible.
- Provision of maps indicating the location of the site. Fire Suppression Resource Inventory: The applicant shall update in writing the 24-hour contact information and on-site fire suppression equipment, tools, and personnel list on a quarterly basis and provide it to the Rural Fire Protection District.
- Red Flag Warning restrictions: During Red Flag Warning events, as issued daily by the National Weather Service in State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) all non-essential, non-emergency construction and maintenance activities shall cease or be required to operate under a Hot Work Procedure.
- The applicant and contractor personnel shall be informed of changes to the Red Flag event status as stipulated by the RFPD and CAL FIRE
- All construction crews and inspectors shall be provided with radio and/or cellular telephone access that is operational throughout the project area to allow for immediate reporting of fires. Communication pathways and equipment shall be tested and confirmed operational each day prior to initiating construction activities at each construction site. All fires shall be reported to the fire agencies with jurisdiction in the project area immediately upon detection.
- Each crew member shall be trained in fire prevention, initial attack firefighting, and fire reporting. Each member shall carry at all times a laminated card listing pertinent telephone numbers for reporting fires and defining immediate steps to take if a fire starts. Information on contact cards shall be updated and redistributed to all crew members as needed, and outdated cards destroyed, prior to the initiation of construction activities on the day the information change goes into effect.
- Each member of the construction crew shall be trained and equipped to extinguish small fires with hand-held fire extinguishers in order to prevent them from growing into more serious threats. Each crew member shall at all times be within 100 yards of a vehicle containing equipment necessary for fire suppression as outlined in the final Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan.

ESJ shall fully implement the plan during all construction and maintenance

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| | activities. All construction work on ESJ Gen-tie line Project shall follow the approved Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan guidelines and commitments and plan requirements are to be incorporated into the standard construction contracting agreements for the construction of the ESJ Gen-tie line Project. Primary plan enforcement implementation responsibility shall remain with ESJ and be monitored by the Rural Fire Protection District. | |
| MM FF-2 | Elements of SDG&E's Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice (July 1, 2009), for inclusion in the Customized Fire Protection Plan for Operation of the Project (MM FF-4). | |
| | In developing the Customized Fire Protection Plan for Operation of the Project (FF-4), ESJ will incorporate the relevant and applicable portions of SDG&E's Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice (July 1, 2009). Such practice elements will be implemented during all operation and maintenance work associated with the ESJ Gen-tie line Project for the life of the Project pursuant to the Customized Fire Protection Plan requirements. | |
| - | Important fire safety concepts that will be included in the Customized Fire Protection Plan are as follows: | |
| | Guidance on where maintenance activities may occur (which should be limited to non-vegetated areas, cleared access roads, and work pads that are approved as part of the project design plans) | |
| population | Fuel modification buffers as may be required by the FPP | |
| | When vegetation work will occur (prior to any other work activity) | |
| | Timing of vegetation clearance work to reduce likelihood of ignition and or fire spread | |
| | Coordination procedures with fire authority | |
| | Personnel fire fighting training and provision of fire suppression equipment Red Flag Warning restrictions for operation and maintenance work | |
| To the state of th | Identification of an on-site Fire Coordinator and definition of their responsibilities | |
| | • In order to easily communicate immediate fire incidence during operation or maintenance of the project, all crews and inspectors shall be equipped with radio and/or cellular telephone access that is operational throughout the project area to allow for immediate reporting of fires and open communication pathways shall be established prior to energizing the project. | |
| | ESJ shall perform visual inspections using telescopic equipment on all of project structures supporting overhead lines annually. If visual inspection does not reasonably allow inspection of project structures, then ESJ shall perform climbing inspections to supplement such visual inspections. ESJ will keep a | |

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| | detailed inspection log of inspections, and any potential structural weaknesses or imminent component failures shall be acted upon immediately. The inspection log will be maintained on-site and available for review by the RFPD upon request. | |
| | • Incorporation of the San Diego Rural Fire Protection District reviewed and approved Response Plan mapping and assessment. | |
| | Provision of site maps indicating the location of the site and "as-built" maps after completion of construction. Other information as provided by the San Diego Rural Fire Protection District. | |
| | ESJ will provide a draft copy of the Customized Fire Protection Plan for operation of the Project, including the incorporated elements of SDG&E's Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Electric Standard Practice, to the RFPD for comment a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of any construction activities. The Customized Fire Protection Plan will be approved by the RFPD prior to energizing the project and be provided to the applicant for implementation during all operation and maintenance activities. | |
| MM FF-3 | Development Agreement with Rural Fire Protection District. Provide funding for the training and acquisition of necessary firefighting equipment and services to Rural Fire Protection District to improve the response and firefighting effectiveness near electrical transmission lines, and aerial infrastructure based on fire protection needs. Although not implementable on BLM or other federal land, the local fire authority will respond through mutual aid to wildfires within its jurisdiction, regardless of land ownership designation. Funding would be provided through a Development Agreement between ESJ and the Rural Fire Protection District, which shall be executed prior to construction. | |
| MM FF-4 | Customized Fire Protection Plan for Operation and Maintenance of the Project. ESJ will prepare and submit a Fire Protection Plan for Operation and Maintenance to the RFPD for approval. This plan shall include required elements listed in Mitigation Measure FF-2 and, at minimum, the following: | |
| | San Diego County FPP Requirements (http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/docs/Fire-Report-Format.pdf) | |
| | Rural Fire Protection District Requirements: | |
| Synonymitation of the control of the | o Provisions for fire safety and prevention | |
| | O Site security and access | |
| | o Emergency shut-down provisions | |
| | Fuel modification plan | |
| | Access road widths and surfacing | |
| | Emergency drill participation | |

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| | The final FPP is to be approved by the RFPD prior to construction. | |
| MM FF-5 | | |
| MM FF-6 | De-Energize Electrical System - ESJ shall immediately de-energize the electrical collector and transmission systems during fire emergencies at the direction of SDG&E. The fire agency liaison will coordinate with the SDG&E liaison during a fire incident to identify which, if any, particular electrical lines need to be deenergized. Appropriate fire agencies responding to the incident shall be immediately notified of the line de-energizing. Additionally, ESJ shall provide all appropriate local, state, and federal fire dispatching agencies with an on-call contact person (Fire Coordinator) who has the authority to shut down the line in areas affected by a fire. If the transmission line is de-energized, prior to reenergizing ESJ shall notify and receive approval from the SDG&E liaison and fire agency liaison representing the responsible fire agencies. | |

- Appendix B.11 County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use Memorandum from Jim Bennett, Groundwater Geologist, to Patrick Brown, Project Planner, regarding groundwater supply (March 4, 2010)
- Appendix B.12 County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use Form 399W, Project Water Availability Form, signed by the Jacumba Community Services District on July 8, 2010



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO . DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

Memorandum

TO:

Patrick Brown, Project Planner

FROM:

Jim Bennett, Groundwater Geologist

SUBJECT:

Groundwater Supply Options; Project Number P09-008

DATE:

March 4, 2010

GROUNDWATER RESOURCES

Jim Bennett, County Groundwater Geologist, has reviewed the most recent information submitted from the applicant in regard to where the applicant plans to obtain the approximately 780,000 gallons (2.4 acre-feet) of water necessary for the six-month construction phase of this project. The applicant has indicated that they are exploring purchasing groundwater offsite from a well (known as JCSD Well #6) owned by the Jacumba Community Services District (JCSD).

Purchasing water from water districts or private individual well owners outside of the County Water Authority (CWA) would be considered a "groundwater extraction operation" as defined within the County Zoning Ordinance (Definition G., Section 1810, 6552, and 6654) and would require obtaining a Major Use Permit (MUP) from the County for the operation. The JCSD would be responsible for obtaining the MUP since they are the owner of the property containing the well in which groundwater would be extracted for sale.

If groundwater is proposed from an on-site well rather than obtaining groundwater from the JCSD, there would be no groundwater investigation requirements. The basin is located in a completely undeveloped region of the County. Therefore, the pumping of approximately 2.4 acre-feet of water needed for the project in a basin with no other known groundwater users would have a less than significant impact on groundwater resources.

CEQA Analysis of the Groundwater Extraction Operation

The following analysis is provided to evaluate the impacts to groundwater resources from obtaining water for the project from the JCSD. It is understood that water would be supplied to the project from JCSD Well #6. This well is a non-potable well due to elevated sulfide and fluoride concentrations in the water. Approximately 2,500 gallons of water a day would be supplied, six days a week, for approximately six months. This would amount to approximately 780,000 gallons of water (2.4 acre-feet).

Applicable Groundwater Regulations

The County Guidelines for Determining Significance – Groundwater Resources contain a series of thresholds for determining significance for both water quantity and water quality. Since the water proposed for this project is not for potable use, the water quality threshold is not applicable. To evaluate cumulative impacts to groundwater resources, a water balance analysis is typically required. However, due to the limited amount of groundwater proposed and the temporary use, a water balance analysis is not required. To evaluate off-site well interference as a result of this project, the following guideline for determining significance shall be used:

As an initial screening tool, offsite well interference will be considered a significant impact if after a five year projection of drawdown, the results indicate a decrease in water level of 20 feet or more in the offsite wells. If site-specific data indicates water bearing fractures exist which substantiate an interval of more than 400 feet between the static water level in each offsite well and the deepest major water bearing fractured in the well(s), a decrease in saturated thickness of 5% or more in the offsite well would be considered a significant impact.

Summary of Aquifer Test from JCSD #6

The project intends to receive its groundwater from the JCSD Well #6, located on the western edge of the town of Jacumba. JCSD Well #6 was drilled in April 2003 to a depth of 465 feet below ground surface (bgs). The well was cased to a depth of 113 feet bgs. The well is screened from 113 feet to 465 feet bgs entirely within fractured bedrock.

A 24 hour step-drawdown test was conducted by Fain Drilling on April 24, 2003 to obtain an approximate production rate for the well. Drawdown and recovery plots are provided as attached Figures 1 and 2 to this document. The well was pumped at 200 gallons per minute (gpm), and stepped up to 300, 400, and then 600 gallons per minute after six hours of pumping. At 12 hours, the water level reached 92 feet bgs and remained at that level until the end of the 24 hour well test. The water level after 5.6 hours of recovery fully recovered to 3 feet bgs. A total of approximately 759,000 gallons of water was pumped from the well in 24 hours. It is likely the entire 780,000 gallons of water the project needs could be produced from this well in 24 hours.

Calculation of Offsite Drawdown

The nearest offsite well is JCSD Well#4, located 60 feet the southeast of JCSD Well#6. Therefore, impacts would be considered significant, if drawdown in this well was 20 feet after five years of pumping. This project is anticipated to produce approximately 780,000 gallons of water in six months, and the following calculations provide drawdown anticipated to occur in JCSD Well#4 in this six month period.

Aquifer transmissivity was first estimated using the Cooper-Jacobs approximation to the Theis equation as follows:

$$T = \underbrace{2.3 \times Q}_{4 \times \pi \times \Delta S}$$

Where:

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T= 745 Transmissivity (feet²/day) average pumping rate of 529 gpm (feet³/day [multiply gpm by 193]) \pi= 3.14 pi the change in residual drawdown over 1 logarithm of time \Delta s= 25 (ft)
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Reference: Cooper, H.H., Jr. and C.E. Jacobs. 1946. A Generalized Graphical Method for Evaluating Formation Constraints and Summarizing Well Field History. Transactions, American Geophysical Union 27:526-34.

Predicted drawdown to occur in JCSD Well#4 after six months of pumping JCSD Well#6 at a rate of 1.5 gpm required to produce 780,000 gallons over six months was calculated using the Cooper Jacob Modified Theis Non-Equilibrium Equation as follows:

$$s=0.183 Q \times log 2.25Tt$$

T r^2S

Where:

| s= | 0.3 | Predicted drawdown at JCSD Well#4 (feet) |
|----|--------|--|
| Q= | 288.75 | cubic feet per day (multiply gpm * 192.5 to convert) |
| T | 745 | feet squared per day |
| t | 182.5 | time (days) |
| r | 60 | distance from pumping well (feet) |
| s= | 0.001 | Storativity (dimensionless) |

Reference: Cooper, H.H., Jr. and C.E. Jacobs. 1946. A Generalized Graphical Method for Evaluating Formation Constraints and Summarizing Well Field History. Transactions, American Geophysical Union 27:526-34.

Drawdown in JCSD Well#4 is predicted to be <u>0.3 feet after six months of</u> pumping required for the project. This would be considered to be a less than significant impact based on the well interference threshold.

Cumulative Groundwater Impacts

The County has historical water level records (June 1990 to July 2007) from JCSD Well #4, located approximately 60 feet to the southeast of JCSD Well #6 (see Figure 3). According to Tom Lindemeyer of the JCSD, this well is screened in the shallow alluvial aquifer overlying the bedrock aquifer to a depth of about 60 feet bgs. The water levels have varied from 1.8 feet bgs in 1996 to 22.5 feet bgs in 2005. The water level declines noted between 1998 and 2005 from an extended drought period recovered from the well above-average rainfall of 2004-2005. The most recent water level collected in July 2007 indicated water levels at 7.7 feet bgs. This well continues to be an active production well for the potable needs of the JCSD. Cumulative impacts are considered less than significant since water levels do not show any indications of an overdraft

condition, and the amount of additional drawdown from groundwater pumping for this project would have a less than significant effect on the surrounding offsite wells.

Please contact Jim Bennett, County Groundwater Geologist, at 858-694-3820 if you have any questions regarding these comments.

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Figure 1 JCSD#6: Drawdown

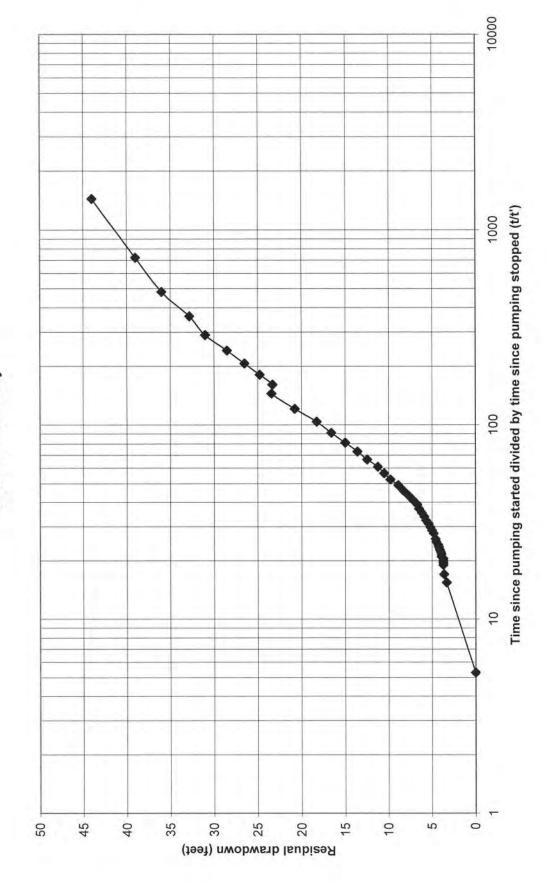


Figure 2 JCSD#6: Recovery

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Figure 3 JCSD Well #4 Hydrograph

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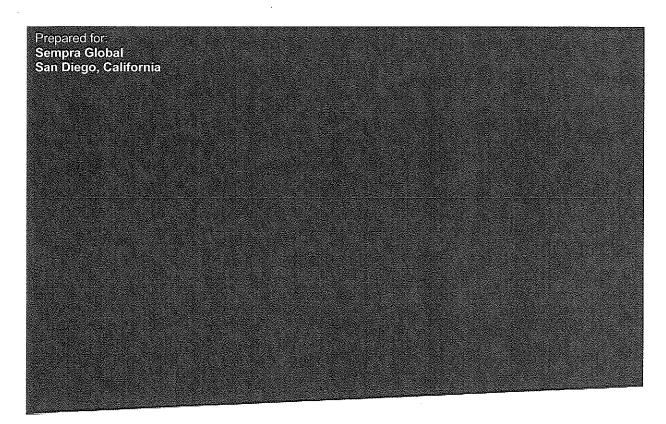


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Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of 360 Acres of Vacant Land in Support of the Energía Sierra Juárez Project, Near Old Highway 80, Unincorporated San Diego County, California

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Sempra Global (Sempra) contracted with AECOM, Inc. (AECOM) to perform a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the Energía Sierra Juárez project site comprising approximately 360 acres of vacant undeveloped desert land located in the southeastern corner of San Diego County near the Mexican border, approximately ½ mile south of Old Highway 80, and approximately three miles east of the town of Jacumba, San Diego County, California (subject property). This Phase I ESA was performed in conformance with the general scope and limitations of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard Practice E 1527-05 for ESAs. Exceptions to, or deletions from, this practice are described in Section 1.3 of this report.

This assessment took place between March 12 and April 10, 2009, with the site visit occurring on March 16, 2009. The rectangular-shaped property consists entirely of vacant undeveloped desert land. The terrain of the subject property varies considerably. The eastern portion of the subject property is extremely rugged and sparsely vegetated and consists of a hillside of large boulders that rise approximately 700 feet from the surrounding area. The western portion of the subject property is relatively flat with a slight slope to the southwest.

The southeast portion of the subject property along the hillside is reportedly used occasionally as an unofficial firing range. In addition to shotgun and bullet casings, AECOM observed miscellaneous trash and debris in this area. Limited trash and debris consisting of plastic bags and paper trash was observed scattered throughout the remaining portion of the subject property, the majority of which appeared to be wind-blown. No staining or visual evidence of hazardous materials release was observed during the site visit.

The subject property is bordered to the north by an unnamed dirt road, beyond which is vacant undeveloped desert land. The subject property is bordered to the east by San Diego and Imperial County line, beyond which are rugged, undeveloped foothills. The subject property is bordered to the south by a dirt road, beyond which is the U.S./Mexico border. The subject property is bordered to the west by an unnamed dirt road, beyond which is vacant undeveloped desert land.

With the exception of the U.S./Mexico border, historical research indicates that the subject property and surrounding sites have never been developed. No historical or offsite sources of concern were identified.

The subject property and surrounding sites were not identified in a site-specific environmental database search report, during AECOM's review of other regulatory sources, or during AECOM's reconnaissance of the surrounding area.

Based on the site visit; review of governmental environmental databases, files, and historical documents; and interviews conducted with selected individuals, no recognized environmental conditions (RECs), historical RECs (HREC), or de minimis conditions were identified. No additional assessment is recommended.

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this assessment is to provide the client with information for use in evaluating potential environmental concerns associated with the subject property.

1.2 Scope of work

The Phase I ESA included a site visit, regulatory research, historical review, and environmental database search of approximately 360 acres of vacant undeveloped desert land located in the southeastern corner of San Diego County near the Mexican border, approximately ½ mile south of Old Highway 80 and approximately three miles east of the town of Jacumba. In conducting the Phase I ESA, AECOM assessed the subject property for visible signs of possible contamination, researched public records for the subject property, and conducted interviews with the property owner and the property developer. This project was performed in general accordance with ASTM Standard Practice Designation E 1527-05.

AECOM's standard terms and conditions for this report include the ASTM Phase I ESA scope of work. Conclusions made in this report are based upon the assessment performed and are subject to the study limitations presented in Section 1.3, below.

1.3 Study limitations

This report describes the results of AECOM's due diligence assessment to identify the presence of environmental liabilities materially affecting the subject facility and/or property. In the conduct of this due diligence assessment, AECOM assessed the presence of such problems within the limits of the established scope of work as described in the Inter-Company Sub-Consultancy Agreement between EDAW and AECOM Environment dated March 12, 2009.

In the conduct of this due diligence assessment, AECOM has attempted to independently assess the presence of such problems within the limits of the established scope of work as described in our proposal. As with any due diligence assessment, there is a certain degree of dependence upon oral information provided by facility or site representatives which is not readily verifiable through visual observations or supported by any available written documentation. AECOM shall not be held responsible for conditions or consequences arising from relevant facts that were concealed, withheld, or not fully disclosed by facility or site representatives at the time this assessment was performed.

This report and all field data and notes were gathered and/or prepared by AECOM in accordance with the agreed upon scope of work and generally accepted engineering and scientific practice in effect at the time of AECOM's assessment of the subject property. The statements, conclusions, and opinions contained in this report are only intended to give approximations of the environmental conditions at the subject property.

This report is prepared pursuant to an agreement between the client and AECOM and is for the exclusive use of the client. No other party is entitled to rely on the conclusions, observations, specifications, or data contained herein without first signing an AECOM generated Reliance Letter. A third party's signing of the AECOM Reliance Letter is a condition precedent to any additional use or reliance on this report.

The passage of time, result in changes in technology, economic conditions, site variations, or regulatory provisions which would render the report inaccurate. Reliance on the report after the date of issuance as an accurate representation of current site conditions shall be at the user's sole risk. Should AECOM be required to review the report after six (6) months from its date of submission, AECOM shall be entitled to additional compensation at then existing rates or such other terms as may be agreed upon between AECOM and the client.

1.4 Data failure/data gaps

This assessment took place between March 12 and April 10, 2009, with the site visit occurring on March 16, 2009. The following data failures/data gaps were encountered during this assessment:

- As specified in the agreed upon scope-of-work, a title search and environmental lien search were not
 conducted as part of this assessment. However, based upon historical data collected from other
 sources, this data gap is not expected to impact the results of this assessment.
- The eastern potion of the subject property is extremely rugged and sparsely vegetated and consists of a
 hillside of large boulders that rise approximately 700 feet from the surrounding area. For this reason it
 was not possible to fully visually evaluate this portion of the subject property. Based on the extremely
 rugged nature of this portion of the subject property, this limitation is not expected to impact the results
 of this assessment.
- Per ASTM E 1527-05, interviews with past owners, operators, and occupants of the subject property, who are likely to have material information regarding the potential for contamination at the subject property, shall be conducted to the extent that they can be identified and that the information likely to be obtained is not duplicative of information already obtained from other sources. During the ESA process, AECOM was not provided with contact information for the former owner of the subject property. This limitation is not expected to change the outcome of the report based on historical information gathered from other sources, which are documented throughout this report.

2.0 Site Description

2.1 Site location

The subject property is located in the southeastern corner of San Diego County near the Mexican border, approximately ½ mile south of Old Highway 80, and approximately three miles east of the town of Jacumba, San Diego County, California. The approximate location of the subject property is illustrated on Figure 1 - Site Location Map.

2.2 Site ownership

The subject property is owned by the Czubernat Family Trust. According to Mr. Ken Czubernat, his family has owned the subject property for approximately 40 years.

2.3 Site Visit

Mr. Jim Fickerson from AECOM's Camarillo, California, office visited the subject property on March 16, 2009. Mr. Fickerson was accompanied during the site visit by Mr. Alex Quintero with Sempra Global. The weather at the time of the site visit consisted of clear skies, dry conditions, moderate winds, and temperatures in the mid 70 degrees F. Representative photographs taken during the site visit are provided as Appendix A.

The site visit methodology consisted of walking through portions of the subject property, with particular focus on areas of debris and refuse accumulation. Additionally, the assessor drove around the perimeter and through select interior portions of the subject property. Field binoculars were used during the course of the assessment to ensure that significant site features were visually evaluated. The following sections summarize the results of the site visit.

2.3.1 Site description

The subject property consists of eight contiguous parcels of vacant undeveloped desert land that together total approximately 360 acres. The terrain of the subject property varies considerably. The eastern portion of the subject property is extremely rugged and sparsely vegetated and consists of a hillside of large boulders that rise approximately 700 feet from the surrounding area. The western portion of the subject property is relatively flat with a slight slope to the southwest. This portion of the site is covered primarily with desert scrub vegetation. Two dry desert washes were observed along this portion of the subject property. The first wash runs east to west and was observed along the northern property boundary. The second wash also generally runs east to west and was observed along the southern portion of the subject property.

A dirt road bisects the northeastern portion of the subject property which provides the U.S. Border Patrol with access through the mountains. According to Mr. Czubernat, and as evidenced by shotgun casings that were observed along the hillside, this portion of the subject property is occasionally used as an unofficial firing range. In addition to shotgun and bullet casings, miscellaneous trash and debris was observed in this area. Limited trash and debris consisting of plastic bags and paper trash was observed scattered throughout the remaining portion of the subject property, the majority of which appeared to be wind-blown. No staining or visual evidence of hazardous materials release was observed during the site visit.



During the site visit no visual evidence of groundwater monitoring wells, clarifiers, or dry wells was observed on the subject property. In addition, no discolored soil, water, unusual vegetative conditions, staining or visual evidence of a hazardous materials release was observed. The approximate layout of the subject property is illustrated on Figure 2 – Site Plan.

2.3.2 Building description

No buildings or structures were observed on the subject property during the site visit.

2.3.3 Surrounding properties

The subject property is bordered to the north by an unnamed dirt road, beyond which is vacant undeveloped desert. Old Highway 80 is located approximately ½ mile north of the subject property. The subject property is bordered to the east by the "imaginary" San Diego and Imperial County line. The land to the east of this line consists of rugged, vacant foothills that rise to an elevation of approximately 3,900 feet above mean sea level (msl). The subject property is bordered to the south by a dirt road that is used by the U.S. Border Patrol to monitor the security of the border, beyond which is an approximately 20-foot-high steel fence that extends from east to west that demarcates the U.S./Mexico border (note that due to the rugged nature of the foothills, the eastern portion of the south boundary of the subject property is not fenced). The subject property is bordered to the west by an unnamed dirt road, beyond which is vacant undeveloped desert land.

2.3.4 Petroleum hydrocarbons and hazardous materials

No petroleum hydrocarbons or hazardous materials were observed on the subject property during the site visit.

2.3.5 Aboveground storage tanks (ASTs)

No ASTs were observed on the subject property during the site visit.

2.3.6 Underground storage tanks (USTs)

No visual evidence of fuel-related USTs (e.g., vent pipes, fill ports) was observed during the site visit of the subject property. In addition, no USTs were listed on the State of California Geotracker database or in the site-specific environmental database report that was ordered as a part of this assessment. Mr. Czubernat further confirmed that no USTs are located on the subject property.

2.3.7 Solid Waste

No dumpsters or trash enclosures were observed on the subject property during AECOM's site visit. As noted in Section 2.3.1, miscellaneous wind-blown trash and debris, consisting of plastic bags and paper trash, was observed on the subject property during the site visit. In addition, shotgun shells and casings were observed along the edge of foothills. According to Mr. Quintero and Mr. Czubernat, this portion of the subject property is occasionally used as a shooting range.

2.3.8 Stormwater

No stormwater drains were observed on the subject property during the site visit. Stormwater flow on the subject property is anticipated to be highly variable. Stormwater flow on the eastern and more rugged portion of the subject property is anticipated to flow to the west off the hillsides or infiltrate into the ground. Stormwater flow on the western and flatter portion of the subject property is anticipated to flow towards the west along the several desert washes that run through the subject property or infiltrate into the ground.

2.3.9 Utilities

No evidence of utility improvements was observed on the subject property during the site visit.

2.3.10 Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)

No pad-mounted, pole-mounted, or other potential PCB-containing equipment was observed on the subject property during the site visit.

3.0 Environmental Setting

3.1 Topography

Based on a review of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map of the subject property area (Jacumba, California, quadrangle) and the Google Earth website, the elevation of the subject property ranges from a high of approximately 3,900 feet above msl in the southeast comer of the subject property to a low of approximately 3,200 feet above msl in the southwest corner of the subject property. Based on a review of these technical resources, and our site visit, the subject property slopes steeply to the west along the eastern portion of the site and gradually west along the western portion of the subject property.

3.2 Soil

According to a Gen-Tie Line Project Evaluation prepared by Ecology and Environment, Inc., in February 2009, the soil within the subject property consists primarily of acid igneous rock, Rositas Loamy coarse sand, rough broken land and sloping gullied land associations. The acid igneous rock soil series is present in the southeastern portion of the subject property and consists of rough, broken terrain. Large boulders and rock outcrops of granite, granodiorite, tonalite, quartz diorite, gabbro, basalt, or gabbro diorite cover 50 to 90 percent of the total area of this soil type in San Diego County. The soil material is loamy to coarse sand in texture and is very shallow of decomposed granite or basic igneous bedrock.

The Rositas loamy coarse sand, present in the western portion of subject property consists of excessively drained, variable-depth loamy coarse sands derived from Quaternary granitic alluvium.

3.3 Groundwater

It is AECOM understanding that the closest County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health (DEH) permitted well is located approximately two miles north of the subject property. Depth to groundwater in 1981 in this well was reportedly 90 feet below ground surface (feet bgs). No water production wells are located on the subject property and no available site-specific depth to groundwater information was identified during the course of this assessment.

4.0 Site and Area History

Historical information for the subject property and surrounding sites is based on a review of aerial photographs dated 1953, 1980, 1989, 1994, 2002, and 2005; topographic maps dated 1947 and 1959, and a conversation with the subject property owner, Mr. Czubernat. Mr. Czubernat and his family have been associated with the subject property for approximately 40 years.

According to Environmental Data Resources (EDR), no Sanborn® fire insurance maps are available for the subject property. No previously prepared environmental reports were provided for AECOM's review during the course of this assessment or are thought to be available according to Mr. Czubernat.

4.1 Subject property

The subject property does not appear to historically have been developed. According to Mr. Czubernat, there have been no commercial or industrial uses of the subject property, including agricultural use. He was not aware of historical releases or environmental incidents that have occurred in the past. AECOM's review of the historical aerial photographs corroborates Mr. Czubernat's statements regarding the site history. The U.S/Mexican border appears in six photographs reviewed; however, it is believed that it wasn't until the 1990s that the border was fenced. No historical onsite sources of environmental concern were indentified.

4.2 Adjacent sites

Historical research indicates that the surrounding sites have largely remained vacant undeveloped desert land. Old Highway 80 (located approximately ½ mile north of the subject property) appears on the 1953 aerial photograph (the earliest available). None of the surrounding sites appear to present a historical environmental concern to the subject property.

5.0 Database and Records Review

5.1 User Provided Information

AECOM contacted Ms. Joan Heredia with Sempra regarding her knowledge of title records, environmental liens, specialized knowledge, and/or real estate value reduction issues associated with the subject property. Ms. Heredia was not aware of environmental cleanup liens or activity use limitations that had been placed on the subject property. Ms. Heredia stated that she did not have specialized knowledge or experience that is material to RECs in connection with the subject property. It was Ms. Heredia's opinion that the purchase price of the subject property reflected its fair market value.

Ms. Heredia stated that she did not have any knowledge regarding the history of the subject property. She was unaware of the specific chemicals, spills, chemical releases, or environmental cleanups that may have occurred on the subject property. It was her opinion that there were no obvious indicators pointing to the presence or likely presence of contamination at the subject property.

5.2 Title Records/Environmental Liens

An environmental lien search was not performed as part of this assessment. Based on AECOM's land use and historical research, it is our opinion that an environmental lien is unlikely to have been placed on the subject property.

5.3 Database information

In accordance with the scope of work and ASTM Standard E-1527-05, a search of various governmental databases was conducted by Environmental Data Resources, Inc. (EDR). The environmental database search report (EDR report) was reviewed to determine the potential for environmental impacts to the subject property from on-site and/or off-site sources of concern. The database abbreviations are provided in the EDR report. Sites that could not be mapped by EDR were researched by AECOM during the site reconnaissance. A summary of the results of the EDR database search are presented below. A list of the databases searched and the search distances are provided in the EDR report. A copy of the EDR report is attached as Appendix B.

Based on AECOM's research, the subject property is not located on or within a one-mile radius of tribal lands.

5.3.1 Subject property

The subject property was not identified in the environmental database search report.

5.3.2 Surrounding sites

None of the surrounding sites were identified in the environmental database search report. In addition, a review of a list of sites that could not be mapped contained with the environmental database report indicates that none of these sites are located within one mile of the subject property. Based on this information and the results of the area reconnaissance of the nearby properties, it is AECOM's opinion that none of the surrounding sites present an REC to the subject property.

5.4 Agency review

5.4.1 Regional Water Quality Control Board

AECOM reviewed the State of California Regional Water Control Board (RWQCB) Geotracker website which contains information on leaking underground storage tanks (LUST) and spills and releases of hazardous materials that have the potential to impact the waters of the State of California. The subject property was not identified on the Geotracker database.

5.4.2 County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health

AECOM submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to DEH to determine if they have files for the subject property related to a hazardous materials release or incident that has occurred at the subject property. As of the date of this report, a response to this FOIA request has not been received. It is AECOM's opinion, that the DEH's response (if any) to this request is unlikely to alter the conclusions or recommendations of this report.

6.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

AECOM performed a Phase I ESA in conformance with the scope and limitations of ASTM Practice E 1527-05 of the subject property. Any exception to, or deletions from, this practice are described in Section 1.0 of this report. No RECs, HRECs, or de minimis conditions were identified during the course of this assessment and no additional assessment is recommended.

7.0 Quality Control/Quality Assurance

7.1 Site visit, research, and report preparation:

The site visit, research, and report preparation were conducted by Mr. Jim Fickerson, Senior Project Manager, in AECOM's Camarillo, California office. Mr. Fickerson completed this report on April 10, 2009. Mr. Fickerson has over 15 years of environmental due diligence experience. His signature is below and his resume is included in Appendix C.

Signature:

Jim Fickerson, Senior Project Manager

7.2 Quality control review

A first level review of this report was conducted by Ms. Kirsten Bradford, Project Specialist, in AECOM's Camarillo, California office. Ms. Bradford completed her review of this report on April 10, 2009. Ms. Bradford has over five years of environmental due diligence experience. Her signature is below and her resume is included in Appendix C.

Signature:

Kirsten Bradford, Project Specialist

A second level review of this report was conducted by Ms. Brenda Miller, Senior Project Manager, in AECOM's Camarillo, California, office. Ms. Miller completed her review of this report on April 10, 2009. Ms. Miller has over 15 years of environmental due diligence experience. Her signature is below and her resume is included in Appendix C.

Signature:

Brenda Miller, Senior Project Manager

7.3 Environmental professional statement

Mr. Fickerson was the Environmental Professional (EP) for this project. His EP statement is below:

I declare that, to the best of our professional knowledge and belief, I meet the definition of an EP as defined in §312.10 of 40 CFR and that I have the specific qualifications based on education, training, and experience to assess a property of the nature, history, and setting of the subject property. I have developed and performed the all appropriate inquiries in conformance with the standards and practices set forth in 40 CFR Part 312.

Signature:

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April 10, 2009

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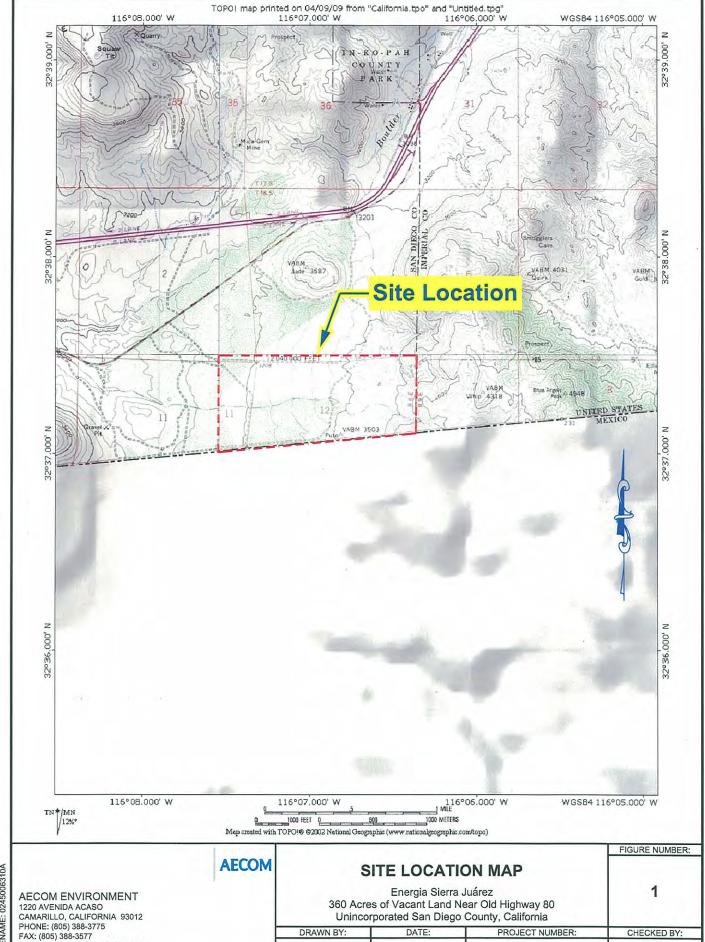
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- County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health, FIOA request submitted April 10, 2009. County address: 1255 Imperial Avenue, 3rd Floor, San Diego, California 92101, phone number (619) 338-2222.
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8.2 Documents Reviewed

- Assessor parcel information. County of San Diego Assessor Office. Reviewed online at http://sanweb.sangis.org.
- Aerial photograph dated 2009 of the subject property. Photograph reviewed online at Google Earth website, http://www.google.com.
- EDR Aerial Photos Decade Package, prepared for Energiz Sierra Juarez Site, South of Old Highway 80, Near Jacumba, CA 91934, dated March 19, 2009. Inquiry number 2446998.5. Aerial photographs dated 1953, 1980, 1989, 1994, 2002, and 2005. Report prepared by Environmental Data Resources, 440 Wheelers Farms Road, Milford, Connecticut 06460, (800) 353-0050.
- EDR Historical Topographic Map Report, prepared for Energiz Sierra Juarez Site, South of Old Highway 80, Near Jacumba, CA 91934, dated March 19, 2009. Inquiry number 2446998.4. Topographic maps dated 1947 and 1959 (Jacumba Quad). Report prepared by Environmental Data Resources, 440 Wheelers Farms Road, Milford, Connecticut 06460, (800) 353-0050.
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- Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Gen-Tie Line Project, dated February 2009. Prepared by Ecology and Environment, Inc., 401 West A. Street, Suite 775, San Diego, California 92101.
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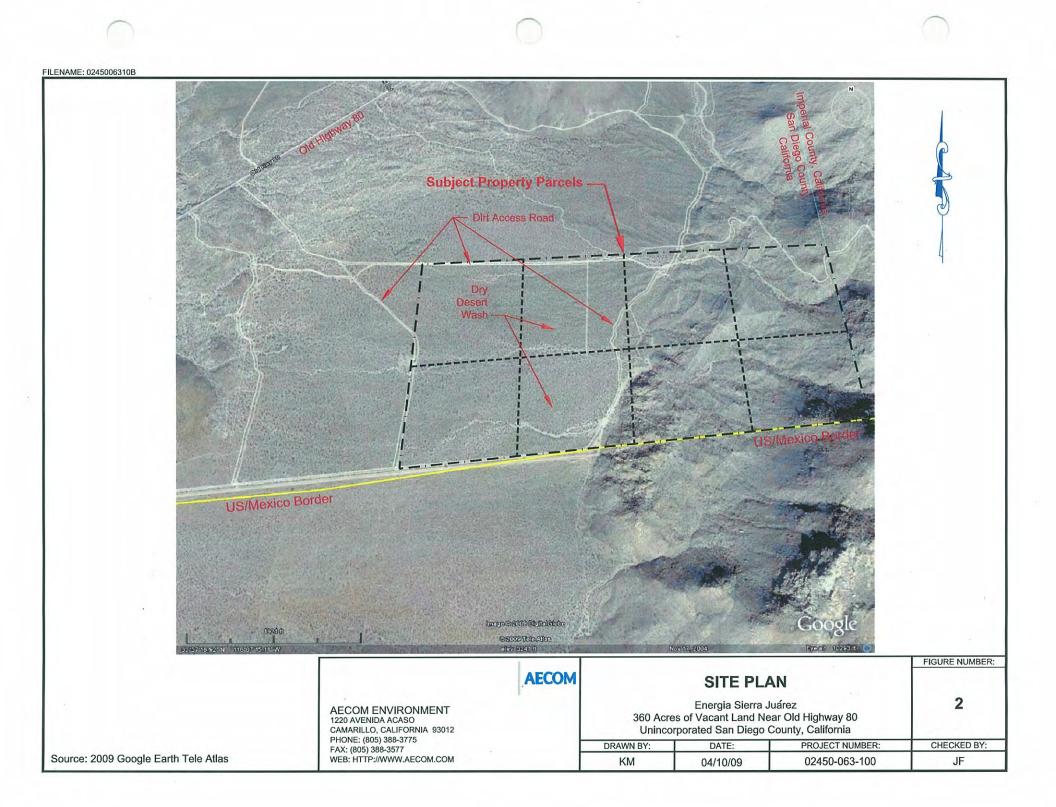
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APPENDIX A
Representative Site Photographs

PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: Sempra Global Site Location: 360 Acres of Vacant Land, Near Highway 80, Unincorporated San Diego County, California

Project No. 02450-063-100

Photo No.

Date: 03/16/09

Direction Photo Taken:

Northwest

Description:

View of the northwest portion of the subject property.



Photo No.

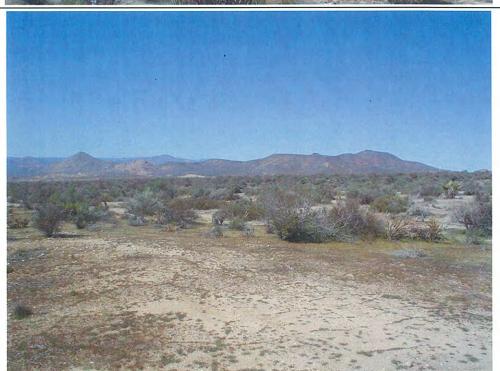
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Direction Photo Taken:

West

Description:

View of the western portion of the subject property.



PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: Sempra Global Site Location: 360 Acres of Vacant Land, Near Highway 80, Unincorporated San Diego County, California

Project No. 02450-063-100

Photo No.

Date: 03/16/09

Direction Photo Taken:

East

Description:

View of the rugged hills that make up the majority of the eastern portion of the subject property.

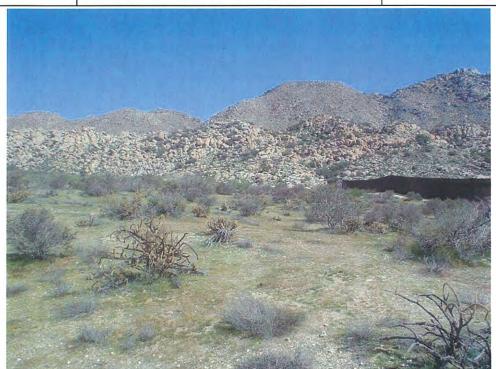


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Date: 03/16/09

Direction Photo Taken:

West

Description:

View of the western half of the subject property. The U.S./Mexico fence/border can be seen along the left hand side of the photograph.



PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: Sempra Global Site Location: 360 Acres of Vacant Land, Near Highway 80, Unincorporated San Diego County, California

Project No. 02450-063-100

Photo No. Date: 03/16/09

Direction Photo Taken:

East

Description:

View of trash and debris that was observed to the west of the subject property.

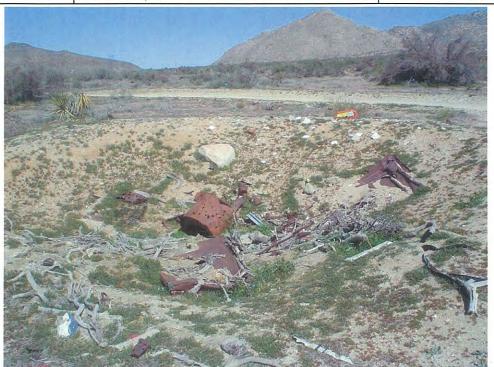


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Date: 03/16/09

Direction Photo Taken:

North

Description:

View of a dirt road that borders the western property boundary.



PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: Sempra Global Site Location: 360 Acres of Vacant Land, Near Highway 80, Unincorporated San Diego County, California

Project No. 02450-063-100

Photo No.

Date: 03/16/09

Direction Photo Taken:

Southeast

Description:

View of the rugged hills that comprise the eastern portion of the subject property.

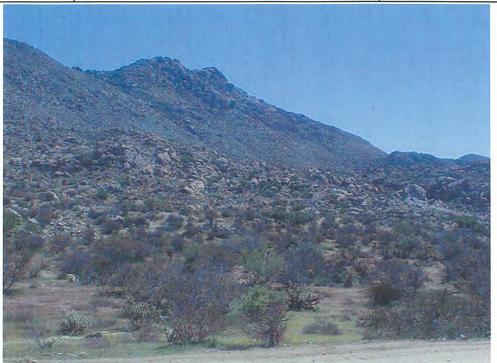


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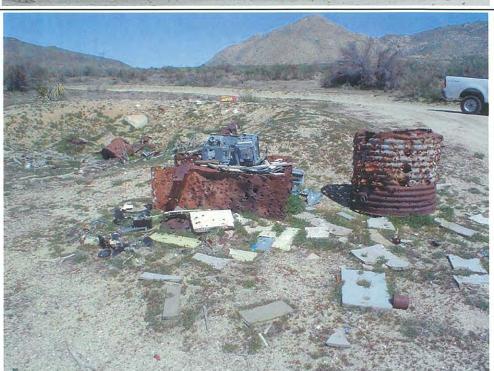
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Direction Photo Taken:

Northeast

Description:

View of trash, debris and bullet fragments that were observed along the eastern portion of the subject property near the hillside.



PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: Sempra Global Site Location: 360 Acres of Vacant Land, Near Highway 80, Unincorporated San Diego County, California

Project No. 02450-063-100

Photo No.

Date: 03/16/09

Direction Photo Taken:

South

Description:

View of the subject property looking towards the U.S./Mexico border.



Photo No.

Date: 03/16/09

Direction Photo Taken:

East

Description:

View of the northern most dry desert wash that is located on the subject property.



Appendix B.14 FAA Determinations of No Hazard to Air Navigation (November 10, 2009)



Issued Date: 11/10/2009

Joan Heredia Sempra Global 101 Ash St HQ8B San Diego, CA 92101

** DETERMINATION OF NO HAZARD TO AIR NAVIGATION **

The Federal Aviation Administration has conducted an aeronautical study under the provisions of 49 U.S.C., Section 44718 and if applicable Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 77, concerning:

Structure:

Transmission Line 230Ar1

Location:

jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-05.24N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-06-57.68W

Heights:

170 feet above ground level (AGL)

3470 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

This aeronautical study revealed that the structure does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation provided the following condition(s), if any, is(are) met:

Based on this evaluation, marking and lighting are not necessary for aviation safety. However, if marking and/or lighting are accomplished on a voluntary basis, we recommend it be installed and maintained in accordance with FAA Advisory circular 70/7460-1 K Change 2.

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Signature Control No: 659748-120096361 Karen McDonald Specialist

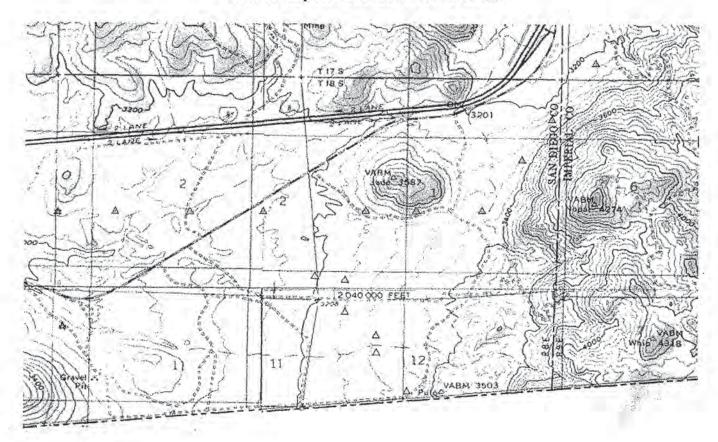
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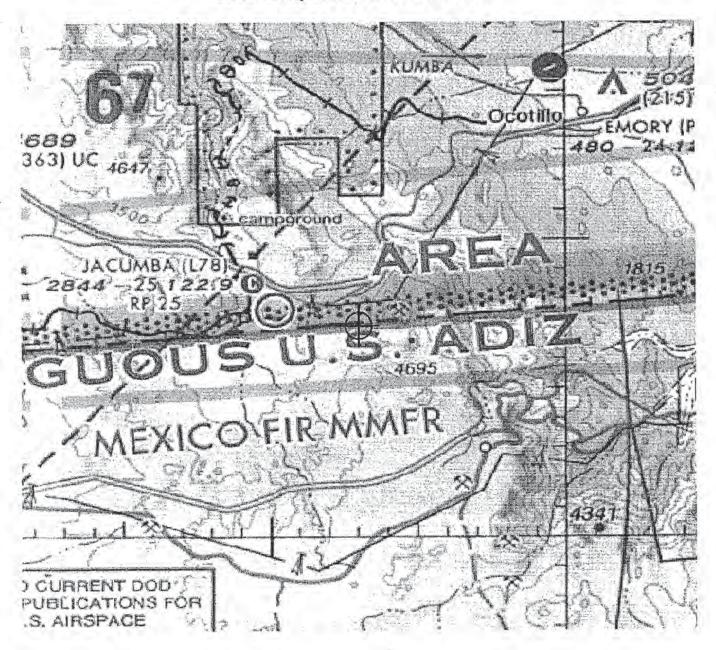
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Structure:

Transmission Line 230Br1

Location:

jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-14.59N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-07-05.20W

Heights:

170 feet above ground level (AGL)

3458 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

This aeronautical study revealed that the structure does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation provided the following condition(s), if any, is(are) met:

Based on this evaluation, marking and lighting are not necessary for aviation safety. However, if marking and/or lighting are accomplished on a voluntary basis, we recommend it be installed and maintained in accordance with FAA Advisory circular 70/7460-1 K Change 2.

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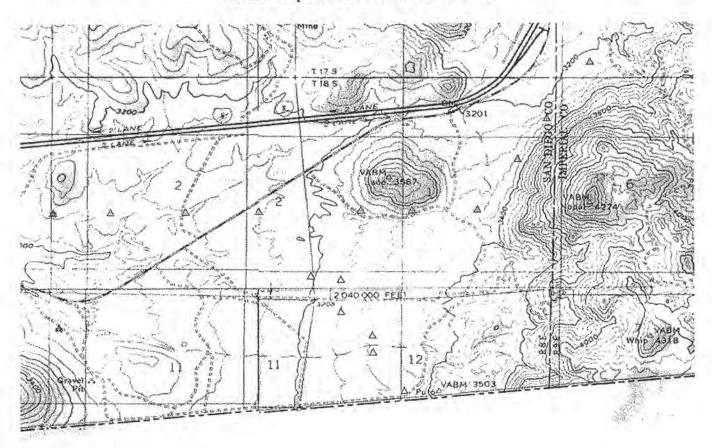
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Installatin of a 230 kV transmission line

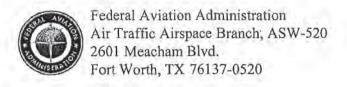
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Structure:

Transmission Line 230Cr1

Location:

jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-24.26N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-07-12.96W

Heights:

170 feet above ground level (AGL)

3415 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

This aeronautical study revealed that the structure does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation provided the following condition(s), if any, is(are) met:

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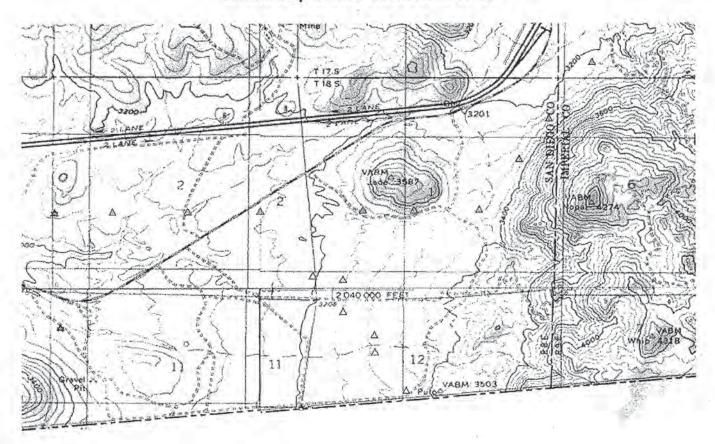
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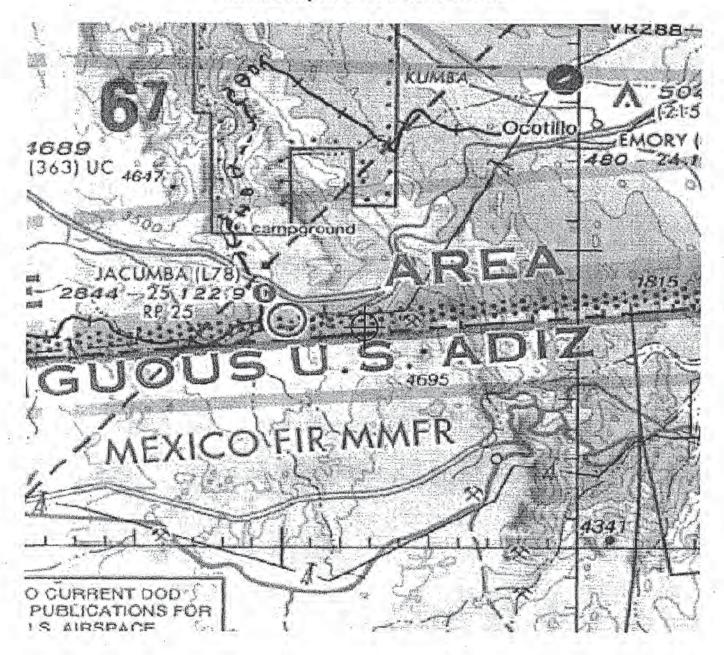
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Structure:

Transmission Line 230Dr1

Location:

Jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-32.97N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-07-20.31W

Heights:

170 feet above ground level (AGL)

3370 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

This aeronautical study revealed that the structure does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation provided the following condition(s), if any, is(are) met:

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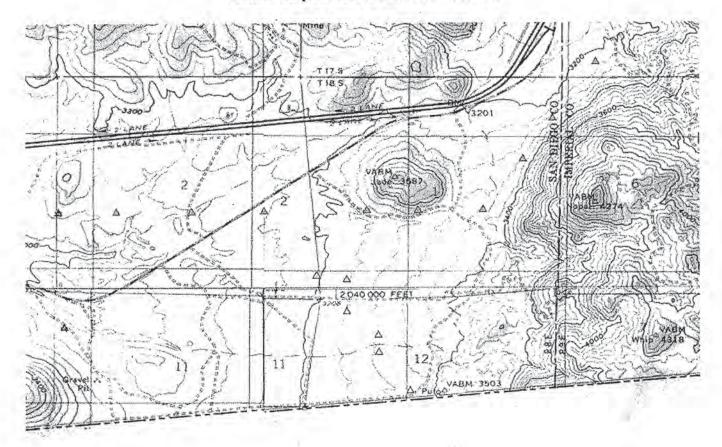
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Installatin of a 230kV transmission line

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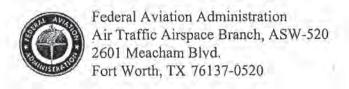


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Structure:

Transmission Line 500Br1

Location:

jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-18.64N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-07-05.36W

Heights:

170 feet above ground level (AGL)

3459 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

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Signature Control No: 659752-120096357

Karen McDonald Specialist

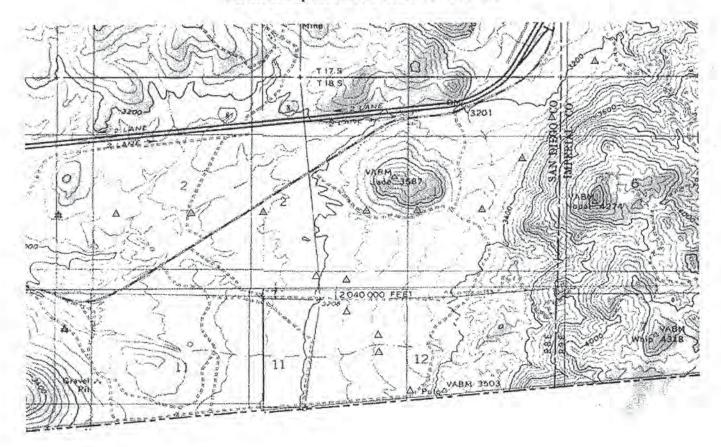
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Installation of a 500 Kv line

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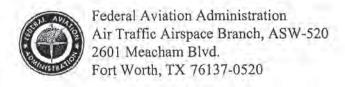


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Structure:

Transmission Line 500Cr1

Location

jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-32,00N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-07-13.00W

Heights:

170 feet above ground level (AGL)

3407 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

This aeronautical study revealed that the structure does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation provided the following condition(s), if any, is(are) met:

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Signature Control No: 659749-120096358

Karen McDonald Specialist

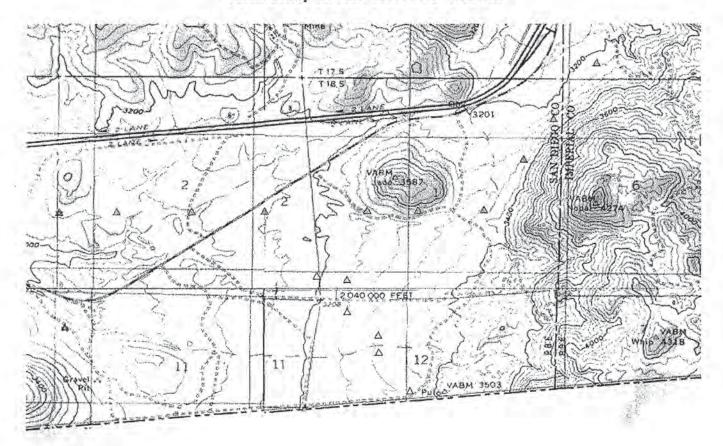
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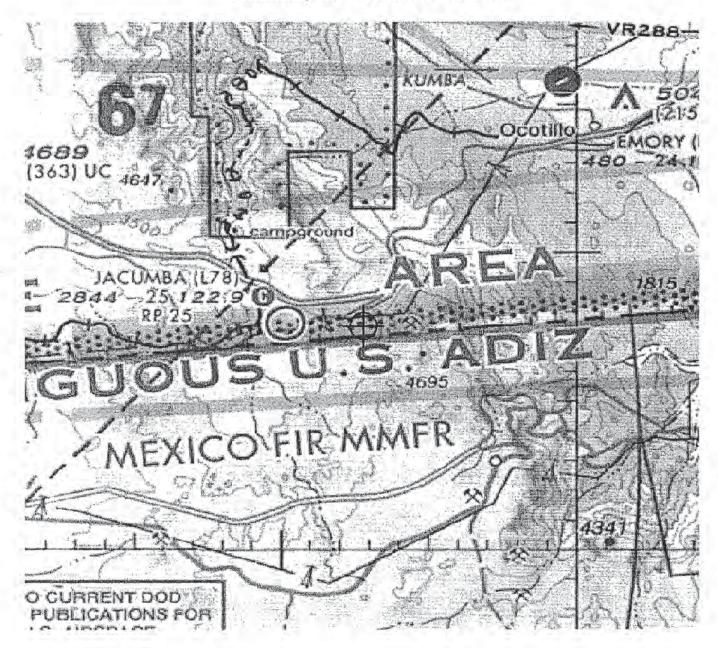
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scoping process] in preparing such an EIS."

Identification of Environmental Issues

When publishing its notice of intent to prepare an EA on August 4, 2008, DOE opened a 30-day scoping period during which the public was invited to participate in the identification of potential environmental impacts that may result from construction of the ESI transmission line project and reasonable alternatives. DOE conducted two scoping meetings in Jacumba. Nine issues and concerns were identified as a result of the scoping opportunity. These issues and concerns are (1) visual impacts, (2) avian mortality, (3) impacts to protected, threatened, endangered, or sensitive species of animals or plants, or their critical habitats, (4) impacts to cultural or historic resources, (6) impacts to human health and safety, (6) impacts to air, soil, and water, (7) land use impacts, (8) impacts of seismic activity, and (9) impacts from development of wind generation. In the EIS DOE will analyze these issues and others it finds appropriate to address, such as greenhouse gas emissions and global climate change and also intentional destructive acts, such as terrorism. No additional construction or routing alternatives were proposed as a result of the scoping process.

Several commenters in this proceeding have asked DOE to evaluate the impacts associated with activities that will occur inside Mexico (e.g., from the construction and operation in Mexico of the wind generators). NEPA does not require an analysis of environmental impacts that occur within another sovereign nation that result from approved actions by that nation. The EIS, however, will evaluate all relevant environmental impacts within the U.S. related to or caused by project-related activities in Mexico.

Based on comments received during the initial EA process, and the potential for public controversy, DOE has determined an EIS to be the proper NEPA compliance document.

EIS Preparation and Schedule

In preparing the Draft EIS, DOE will consider comments received during the scoping period. Because of previous public participation activities, DOE does not plan to conduct additional scoping meetings for this EIS. However, any timely additional written comments submitted will be considered by DOE in determining the scope of the EIS.

DOE anticipates issuing a Draft EIS in the fall of 2009. DOE will provide a public comment period of at least 45 days from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS and will hold at least one public hearing during the public comment period.

DOE will include all comments received on the Draft EIS, and responses to those comments, in the Final EIS. DOE will issue a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days from EPA's NOA of the Final EIS.

Persons who submitted comments during the scoping process will receive a copy of the Draft EIS. Other persons who would like to receive a copy of the document for review when it is issued should notify Dr. Jerry Pell at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 18, 2009.

Patricia A. Hoffman,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. [FR Doc. E9–4049 Filed 2–24–09; 8:45 am]

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Structure:

Transmission Line 230Ar1

Location:

jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-05.24N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-06-57.68W

Heights:

170 feet above ground level (AGL)

3470 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

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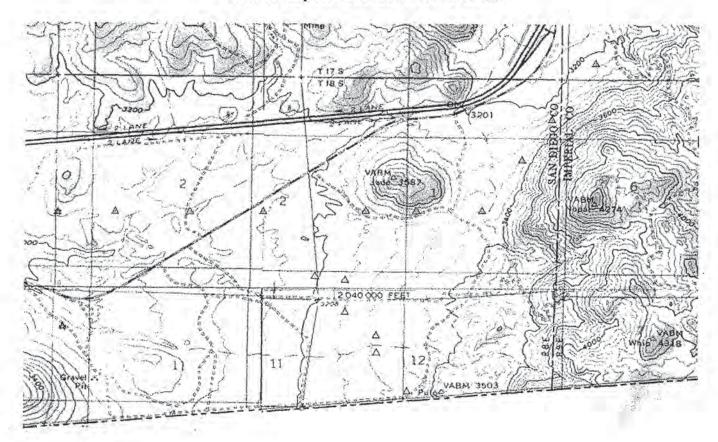
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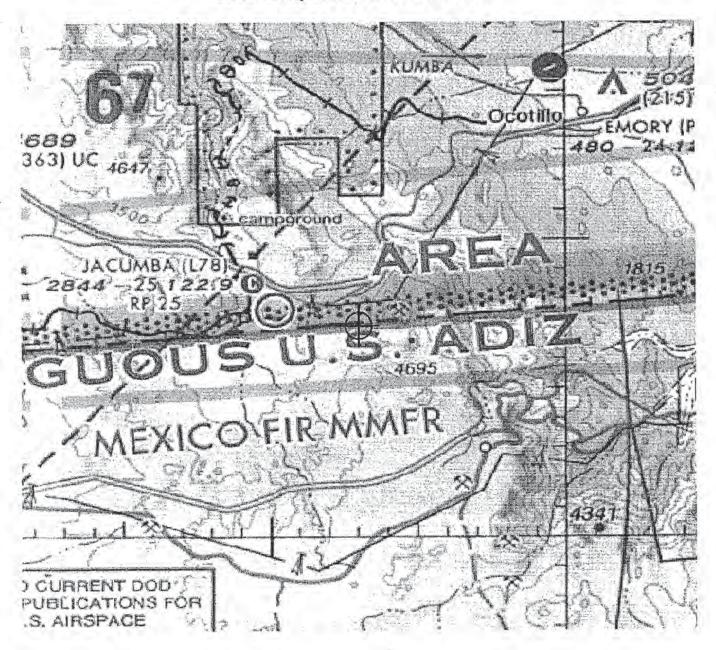
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Structure:

Transmission Line 230Br1

Location:

jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-14.59N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-07-05.20W

Heights:

170 feet above ground level (AGL)

3458 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

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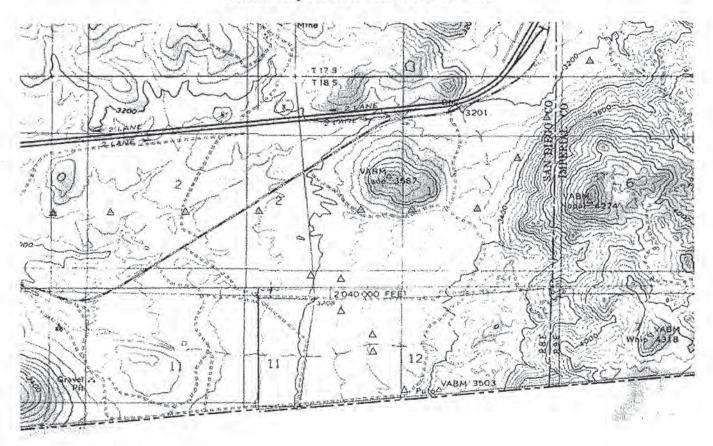
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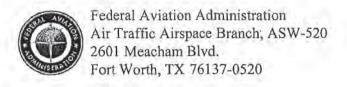
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Structure:

Transmission Line 230Cr1

Location:

jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-24.26N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-07-12.96W

Heights:

170 feet above ground level (AGL)

3415 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

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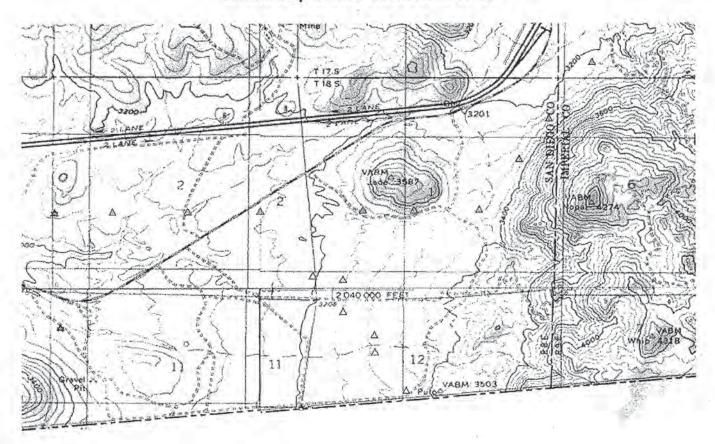
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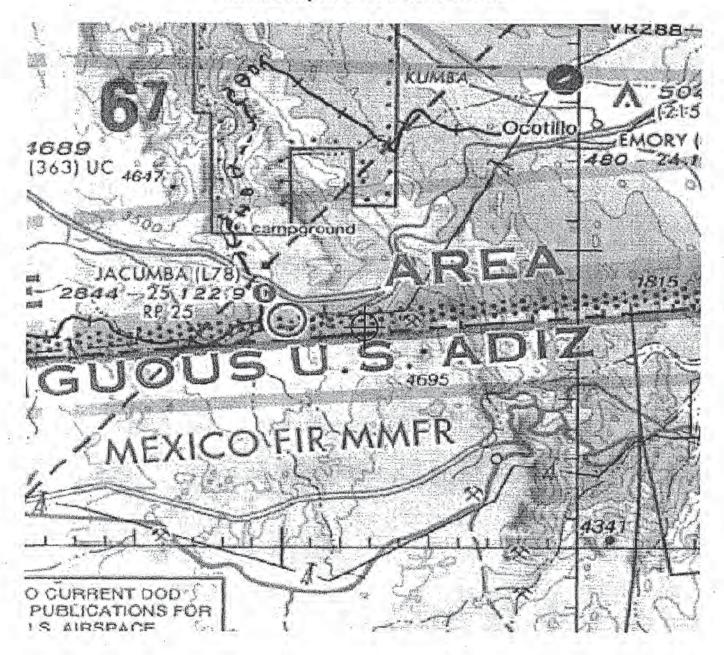
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Structure:

Transmission Line 230Dr1

Location:

Jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-32.97N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-07-20.31W

Heights:

170 feet above ground level (AGL)

3370 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

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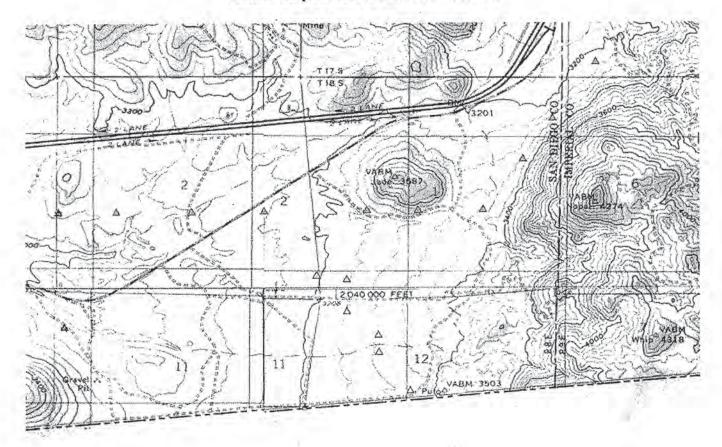
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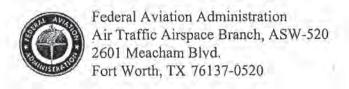


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Structure:

Transmission Line 500Br1

Location:

jacumba, CA

Latitude:

32-37-18.64N NAD 83

Longitude:

116-07-05.36W

Heights:

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3459 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

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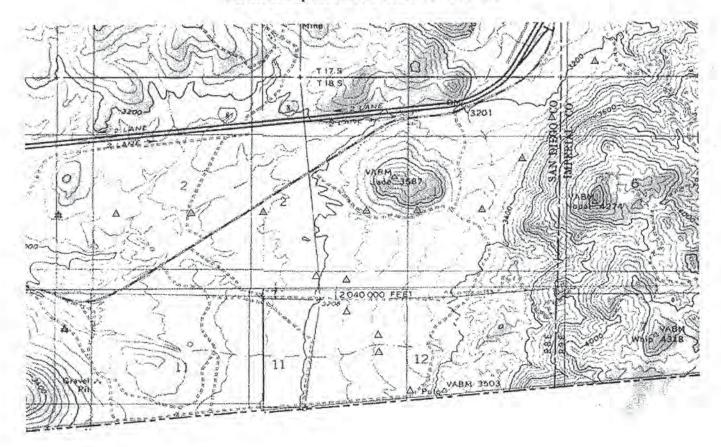
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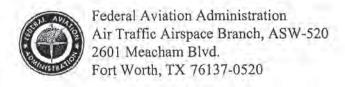


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Transmission Line 500Cr1

Location

jacumba, CA

Latitude:

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Longitude:

116-07-13.00W

Heights:

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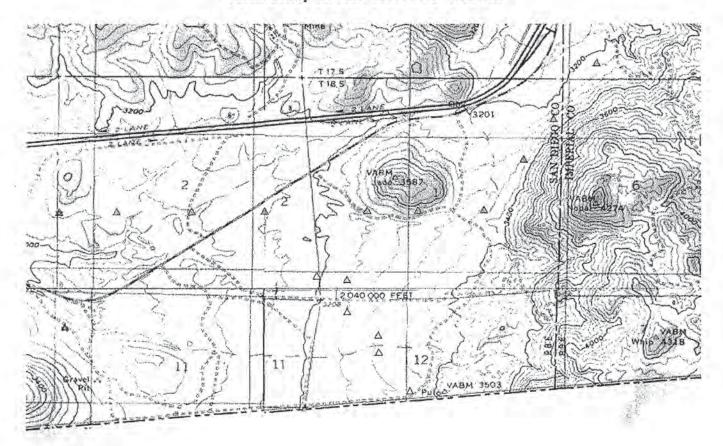
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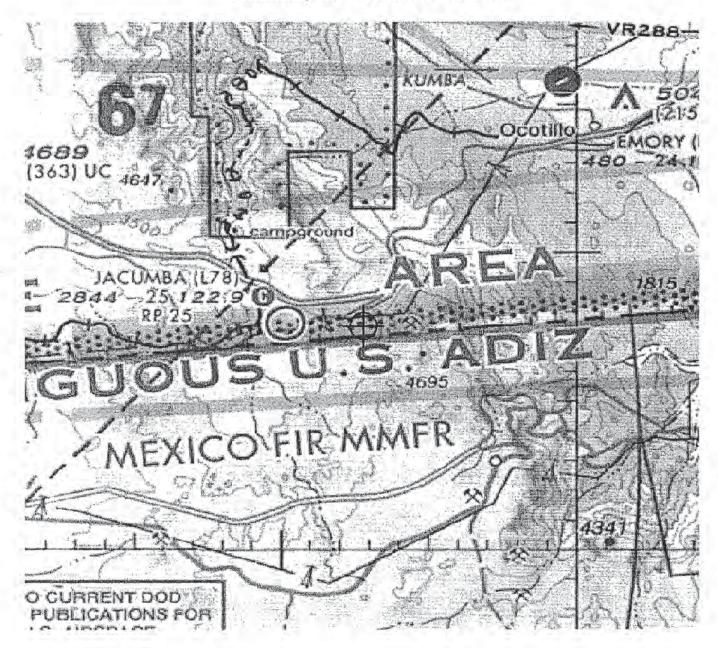
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¹ Excerpted from the May 2010 Biological Resources Report for the Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Gen-Tie Line Project (EDAW 2010b); available online at;

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/ecosub/TechStudies/ESJ_AltAlign_BTR.pdf

Excerpted from the February 3, 2011 Biological Resources Report for the Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez
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June 9, 2008

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office 6010 Hidden Valley Rd. Carlsbad, CA 92009

Attention: Ms. Sandy Marquez

Permitted Biologists: Jim Rocks: TE-063230-3

Cynthia Jones Daverin: TE-811615-4

Subject: Year 2008 45-Day Report for Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Surveys at the Proposed Baja Wind U.S. Transmission Line Project Site near Jacumba, CA

Dear Ms. Marquez:

This letter presents the 45-Day Report for Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino, QCB) surveys at the proposed Baja Wind U.S. Transmission Line Project Site (site), near Jacumba in San Diego County, CA. Survey results were negative for both QCB and larval host plant populations during the 2008 surveys. The survey, including the habitat assessment, was conducted from March 6 to April 28, 2008. Figures showing the survey area boundary and copies of field notes are attached to this report.

Location

The proposed Baja Wind U.S. Transmission Line Project will be located sited within an approximately 87-acre area located east of the town of Jacumba, CA, south of Old Highway 80, and immediately north of the international border. The site is on the USGS 7.5' Jacumba Quadrangle (see Figure 1). The site is in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) recommended Survey Area 1 (2002).

The site is undeveloped, but there are existing dirt roads that are frequently used by the Border Patrol for border surveillance and evidence of trash dumping along the eastern edge of the site. The site is surrounded by relatively undisturbed open space on all sides with Interstate 8 offsite to the north and the US/Mexico border to the south. Figure 2 shows the project site boundary on an aerial photograph. The figures included in this report were provided by Ecology and Environment, Inc. and are assumed to be an accurate representation of the limits of the intended survey area.

Habitat Assessment

The site is relatively flat to gently sloping with deep alluvial granitic soils in most areas. Several ephemeral washes supporting a relatively high diversity of herbaceous annuals run west-east across the site. Elevation of the site is approximately to 3,100 feet above mean sea level (msl).

The habitat assessment was conducted on March 6, 2008 to assess the phenology of larval host plants and nectar sources if present. The vegetation communities, soils, and general conditions onsite were assessed for their suitability to support QCB. The vegetation community onsite is best classified as Desert Chaparral or Mixed Desert Scrub. Common shrub or perennial species in this habitat include Jojoba (Simmondsia chinensis), Waterjacket (Lycium andersonii), Lotebush (Ziziphus parryi var. parryi), Ephedra (Ephedra spp.), Gander's Cholla (Cylindropuntia ganderi var. ganderi), Mohave Yucca (Yucca schidigera) and Creosote (Larrea tridentata). Annuals present include dense patches of Common Goldfields (Lasthenia gracilis), Desert Dandelion (Malacothrix glabrata), Scale-bud (Anisocoma acaulis), Wild Heliotrope (Phacelia distans), California butterweed (Senecio californicus), California Coreopsis (Coreopsis californica var. californica), and Pincushion (Chaenactis spp.).

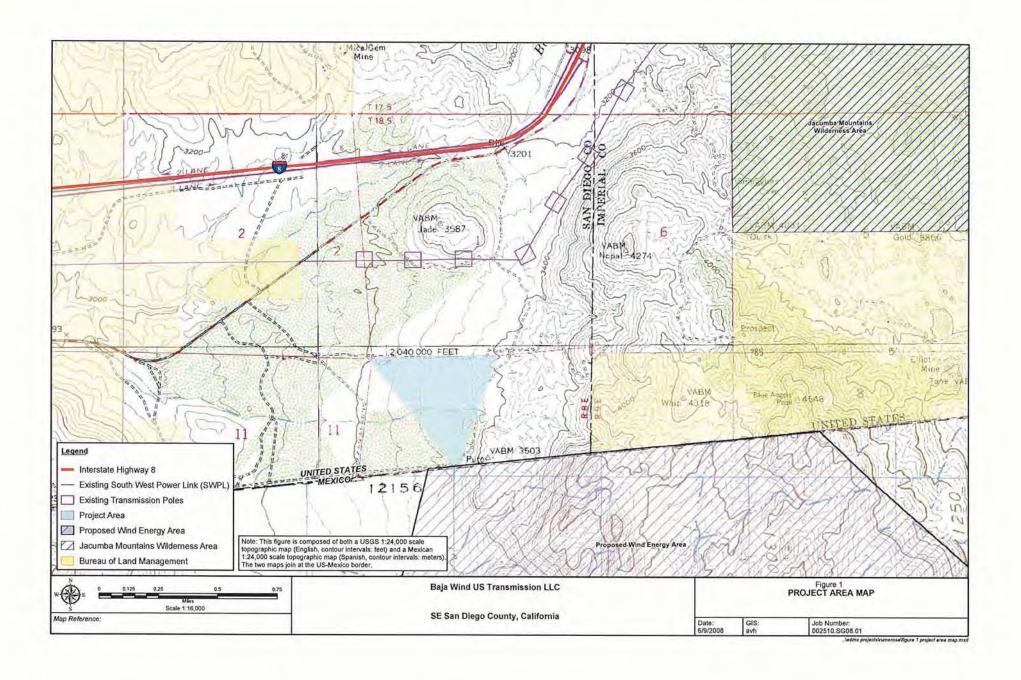
Methods

Surveys were performed in accordance with the FWS's "Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) Survey Protocol Information" dated February 2002. On February 27, 2008, a pre-survey notification letter (the 10-day letter) was sent to the USFWS announcing the intent to conduct surveys for the QCB (Appendix B). The letter included a map of the project site and approximate time the surveys would begin. One field visit to assess the status of host plants and/or nectar sources was performed and six protocol level surveys were completed. More detailed information on the field visit and surveys is presented below. This report is being submitted within the required 45 days to the FWS.

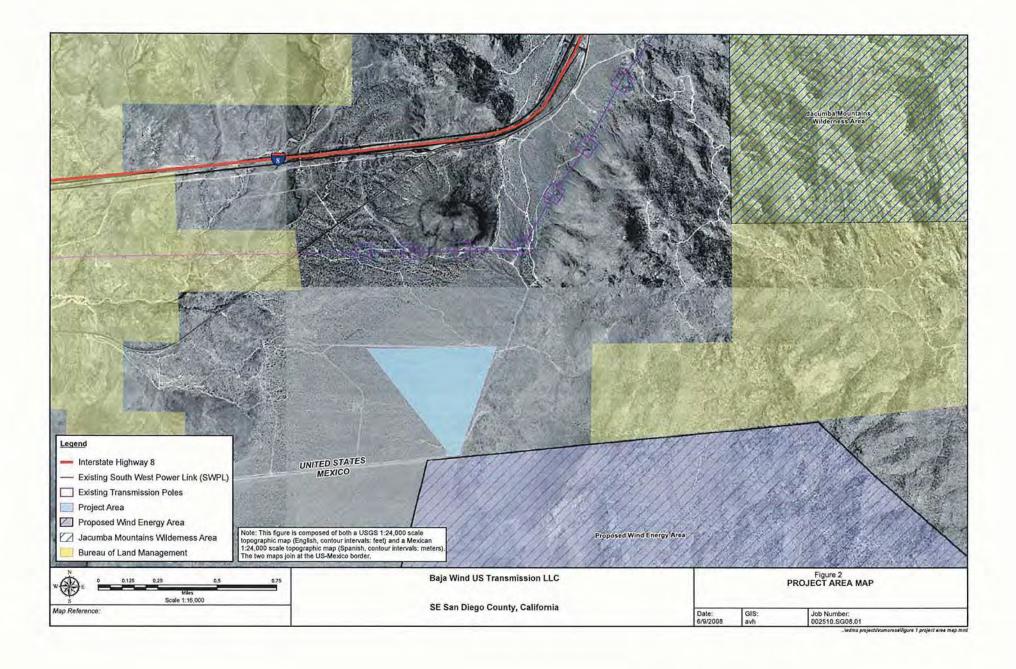
The flight season of QCB is dependent upon adequate rainfall and warm weather to produce supplies of foodplants sufficient for allowing QCB larvae to feed, pupate, and emerge during the spring. In 2008, both in the southwestern and eastern portions of the QCB's range, rain fell in winter and early spring causing the germination of annual plants, but conditions became very dry as spring progressed and many surveyors reported rapid drying and senescence of potential host plants.

Following the rains of late February, a site check for presence of conditions that indicate QCB flight season is imminent or has started was conducted. These conditions include the presence of certain blooming annuals that could potentially be nectar sources, and larval host plants to support caterpillars. Conditions were not ready for surveys on March 6, 2008 as development of annual plants was not sufficient.

Mr. Rocks visited the FWS Jacumba "reference site" on March 29 and April 16, 2008 to compare the phenology of host plants and nectar sources between the reference site and



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the survey area to best assess the appropriate survey commencement and duration to maximize the likelihood of observing QCB. In addition, the FWS's "2008 Season Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) Monitored Reference Site Information" website was frequently monitored to obtain information on 2008 QCB observations and locations. On March 24, the site area conditions were deemed to be acceptable to initiate QCB protocol level surveys.

Please see Table 1 for survey dates, conditions, and personnel. All surveys were conducted by Jim Rocks (Permit# TE-063230-3) and Cynthia Jones Daverin (Permit# TE-811615-4).

The focus of this report is the Baja Wind U.S. transmission line area (87 acres). The 87 acre area was fully surveyed per FWS QCB protocol guidelines. It should be noted that the Baja Wind U.S. project area adjoins a 295 acre site where a transmission substation that will be owned, permitted, constructed, and operated by San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) is proposed. The 295 acre proposed substation area was also surveyed for QCB by Mr. Rocks and Ms. Daverin in 2008. The survey results for that area were negative and a separate 45-day report will be submitted to FWS by Mr. Rocks and Ms. Daverin. Please note that Table 1 and the attached field notes include some time surveying a portion of the substation area, in addition to the 87 acre transmission line area. During each survey, the number of acres surveyed per hour within suitable QCB habitat averaged approximately 10-15 acres per biologist.

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Results

Survey results were negative for both QCB and larval host plant populations during the 2008 surveys. In general, the survey area supports a relatively low diversity of butterfly

species. Butterfly species detected during the surveys are presented in Table 2 and a list of nectar sources and other plant species observed on the site is presented in Table 3.

Nectar sources for butterflies were present throughout the site, but the density varied widely with extremely dense patches in some areas and few to no nectar sources in adjacent areas. The primary nectar sources onsite include Common Goldfields, Desert Dandelion, Scale-bud, California butterweed, California Coreopsis, Wild-Heliotrope, and Pincushion.

During the initial surveys (weeks 1-3) the percent cover of nectar sources was very dense, with up to 90% cover in some areas near the southern site boundary. During weeks 4-6, nectar sources in the washes remained viable as other areas declined. Overall, the amount was sharply reduced and conditions for butterfly nectar sources worsened generally across the site.

Please call me at (619) 843-6640 if you have any questions.

This report represents an accurate account of my work on the survey site.

Sincerely,

Jim Rocks, Principal Biologist

Rocks Biological Consulting Permit Number TE-063230-3

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Table 2. Butterfly Species Detected by Survey Date

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Table 3. Potential QCB Nectar Sources and Other Noted Plants, March-April, 2008

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| Potential QCB Nectar Sources | Common Name |
| Amsinckia menziesii var. intermedia | Rancher's Fiddleneck |
| Amsinckia tessellata var. tessellata | Checker Fiddleneck |
| Anisocoma acaulis | Scale-Bud |
| Calochortus splendens | Splendid Mariposa Lily |
| Chaenactis fremontii | Pincushion |
| Chaenactis stevioides | Desert Pincushion |
| Cryptantha intermedia | Nievitas Cryptantha |
| Descurainia pinnata | Tansy-Mustard |
| Eriogonum thurberi | Thurber's Buckwheat |
| Eriophyllum wallacei | Wallace's Woolly Daisy |
| Gilia spp. | Gilia |
| Guillenia lasiophylla | California Mustard |
| Lasthenia gracilis | Common Goldfields |
| Lotus strigosus | Bishop's/Strigose Lotus |
| Mentzelia affinis | Hydra Stick-Leaf |
| Pectocarya linearis var. ferocula | Slender Pectocarya |
| Pectocarya recurvata | Curvenut Combseed |
| Pectocarya setosa | Bristly Pectocarya |
| Phacelia distans | Wild-Heliotrope |
| Pholistoma membranaceum | White Fiesta Flower |
| Plagiobothrys sp. | Popcornflower |
| Platystemon californicus | Cream Cups |
| Salvia columbariae | Chia |
| Senecio californicus | California Butterweed |
| Senecio flaccidus var. monoensis | Mono Butterweed |
| Other Plants Onsite | Common Name |
| Agave deserti | Desert Agave |
| Allium fimbriatum var. fimbriatum | Desert Onion |
| Ambrosia [Hymenoclea] salsola | Cheesebush, Burrobrush |
| Atriplex canescens var. canescens | Four-Wing Saltbush/Shadscale |
| Bromus rubens | Red Brome |
| Calyptridium monandrum | Common Calyptridium |
| Camissonia californica | False-Mustard |
| Camissonia sp. | Primrose |
| Cylindropuntia ganderi var. ganderi | Gander's Cholla |
| Coreopsis californica var. californica | California Coreopsis |
| Chorizanthe brevicornu var. brevicornu | Brittle Spineflower |
| Chorizanthe fimbriata var. fimbriata | Fringed Spineflower |
| Delphinium sp. | Larkspur |
| Echinocereus engelmannii | Englemann's Hedgehog Cactus |
| Emmenanthe penduliflora var. penduliflora | Whispering Bells |
| Ephedra californica | California Ephedra |

| Ephedra nevadensis | Nevada Ephedra |
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| Ephedra viridis | Green Ephedra |
| Eriastrum eremicum | Desert Woolly-Star |
| Ericameria pinifolia | Pine Goldenbush |
| Eriogonum fasciculatum var. polifolium | Mountain Buckwheat |
| Eriogonum gracile | Slender Buckwheat |
| *Erodium cicutarium | Red-Stem Filaree/Storksbill |
| Eschscholzia californica | California Poppy |
| Filago sp. | Filago |
| Galium sp. | Bedstraw |
| Larrea tridentata | Creosote Bush |
| Loeseliastrum schottii | Schott's Calico |
| Lomatium mohavense | Mohave Lomatium |
| Lotus scoparius var. brevialatus | Deerweed |
| Lupinus concinnus | Bajada Lupine |
| Lycium andersonii | Waterjacket |
| Malacothrix glabrata | Desert Dandelion |
| Mirabilis laevis | Wishbone Plant |
| Nama demissum var. demissum | Purple Mat |
| Opuntia chlorotica | Pancake Prickly-Pear |
| Opuntia phaecantha | Desert Prickly-Pear |
| Phoradendron californicum | Desert Mistletoe |
| Prunus fremontii | Desert Apricot |
| Purshia tridentata var. tridentata | Antelope Bitterbrush |
| Rhus ovata | Sugar Bush |
| Ribes quercetorum | Oak Gooseberry |
| *Schismus barbatus | Arabian Schismus |
| Sidotheca [Oxytheca] trilobata | Three-Lobe Starry Puncturebract |
| *Sisymbrium altissimum | Tumble/Jim Hill Mustard |
| Simmondsia chinensis | Jojoba |
| Stephanomeria sp. | Wreath-Plant |
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Appendix B. 10-day Letter

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February 27, 2008

Ms. Sandra Marquez U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 6010 Hidden Valley Road Carlsbad, CA 92011

Subject: 10-day Notification Letter for Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Protocol Surveys

Ms. Marquez:

This letter is to inform you that I will be conducting a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) protocol Quino Checkerspot Butterfly surveys in Jacumba, CA and Jamul, CA. I have attached maps of both sites for your information and review. Based on the 2006 FWS map, the sites are both located in Survey Area 1.

The Jacumba survey area consists of approximately 230-acres of desert-transition habitat including Pinyon-Juniper, Yuccas, and Cactus. I will be assisted on this survey by Cindy Jones Daverin (Permit # 811615).

The Jamul, CA site consists of approximately 2-acres of dense Chaparral and Coastal Sage Scrub.

Per the protocol, a thorough habitat assessment of both proposed project areas will be conducted for the Quino Checkerspot Butterfly host plants as well as other plants and environmental variables associated with known habitat of the butterfly, such as nectar sources, openings in Coastal Sage Scrub, Grassland and other habitats, and intact soil crusts.

Please contact me at (619) 843-6640 if you have any questions or concerns about this protocol survey.

Sincerely,

Jim Rocks, Principal Biologist USFWS Permit No. 063230-3

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May 22, 2009

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office 6010 Hidden Valley Road Carlsbad, CA 92009

Attention: Ms. Sandra Marquez

Permitted Biologists:

Jim Rocks: TE-063230-3

Cynthia Jones Daverin: TE-811615-4

Subject: Year 2009 45-Day Report for Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Surveys at the Proposed

Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Project Site near Jacumba, California

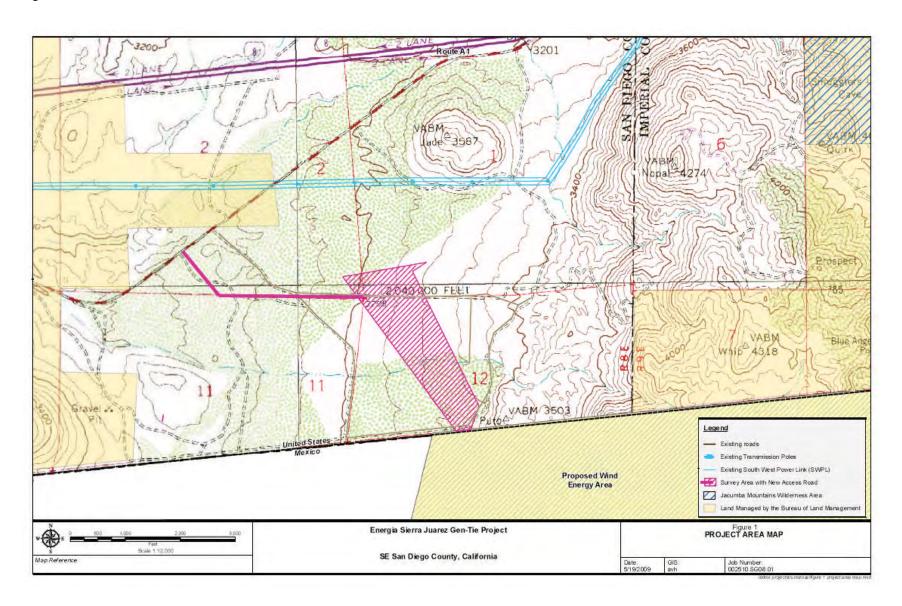
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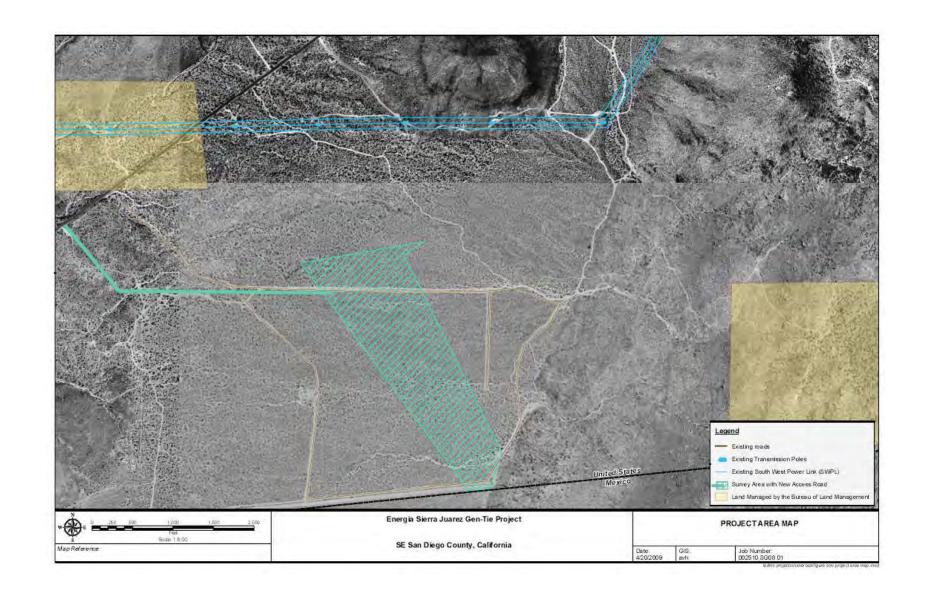
This letter presents the 45-Day Report for Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*, QCB) surveys at the proposed Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Project site (site), near Jacumba in San Diego County, California. Survey results were negative for both QCB and larval host plant populations during the 2009 surveys. The 2009 survey for QCB is the second survey for this project; the first QCB survey and habitat assessment on the site were conducted in 2008. Surveys in 2008 were negative for both QCB and larval host plants. The 2009 survey was conducted from March 23 to April 22, 2009. Figures showing the survey area boundary and copies of field notes are attached to this report.

Location

The site is within an approximately 60-acre area located east of the town of Jacumba, California, south of Old Highway 80, and immediately north of the international border. The site is on the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Jacumba Quadrangle (see Figure 1). The site is in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) recommended Survey Area 1 (2002).

The site is undeveloped, but there are existing dirt roads that are frequently used by the Border Patrol for border surveillance, and there is evidence of trash dumping along the eastern edge of the site. The site is surrounded by relatively undisturbed open space on all sides with Interstate 8 about 0.7 miles to the north and the U.S./Mexico border marking the southern boundary of the project site (Figure 2). The figures included in this report were provided by Ecology and Environment, Inc. and are assumed to be an accurate representation of the limits of the intended survey area.





Habitat Assessment

The site is relatively flat to gently sloping with deep alluvial granitic soils in most areas. Several ephemeral washes, supporting a relatively high diversity of herbaceous annuals, run west-east across the site. Elevation of the site is approximately 3,100 feet above mean sea level. The site is at the western base of a mountain composed of large granitic outcrops.

The habitat assessment was conducted on March 10, 2009, to assess the phenology of the nectar source plants on and near the site. The vegetation communities, soils, and general conditions on site were assessed for their suitability to support QCB in 2008 and were deemed suitable for surveys according to USFWS guidelines. The vegetation community on site is best classified as Desert Chaparral or Mixed Desert Scrub. Common shrub or perennial species in this habitat include Jojoba (Simmondsia chinensis), Waterjacket (Lycium andersonii), Lotebush (Ziziphus parryi var. parryi), Ephedra (Ephedra spp.), Gander's Cholla (Cylindropuntia ganderi var. ganderi), Mohave Yucca (Yucca schidigera) and Creosote (Larrea tridentata). Annuals present include dense patches of Common Goldfields (Lasthenia gracilis), Desert Dandelion (Malacothrix glabrata), Scale-bud (Anisocoma acaulis), Wild Heliotrope (Phacelia distans), California Butterweed (Senecio californicus), California Coreopsis (Coreopsis californica var. californica), and Pincushion (Chaenactis fremontii).

Washes, with looser and sandier soils, contained many of the same plant species as the Mixed Desert Scrub. Additional species found in the washes include Cheesebush (*Ambrosia salsola*), Woolly-star (*Eriastrum densifolium* ssp. *elongatum*), Wallace's Woolly Daisy (*Eriophyllum wallacei*), and Schott's Calico (*Loeseliastrum schottii*).

The boulder-covered hills immediately east of the site provide additional plant species important to butterflies such as Yellow Bush Penstemon (*Keckiella antirrhinoides* var. *antirrhinoides*) and Deerweed (*Lotus scoparius* var. *brevialatus*), in addition to most of the Desert Chaparral species.

Methods

Surveys were performed in accordance with the FWS's "Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) Survey Protocol Information" dated February 2002. On March 15, 2009, a pre-survey notification letter (the 10-day letter) was sent to the USFWS announcing the intent to conduct surveys for the QCB (Appendix B). One field visit to assess the status of nectar sources was performed, and five protocol level surveys were completed. More detailed information on the field visit and surveys is presented below.

The flight season of QCB is dependent upon adequate rainfall and warm weather to produce supplies of food plants sufficient for allowing QCB larvae to feed, pupate, and emerge during the spring. In 2009, both in the southwestern and eastern portions of the QCB's range, rain fell in winter and early spring causing the germination of annual plants. Most of the annual plants that appeared during early surveys had dried by the final survey.

Following the winter rains, a site check for the presence of conditions that indicate QCB flight season is imminent or has started was conducted on March 10, 2009. These conditions include the presence of certain blooming annuals that could potentially be nectar sources and larval host

plants to support caterpillars. Conditions were not ready for surveys as development of annual plants was not yet sufficient.

The USFWS's "2009 Season Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) Monitored Reference Site Information" website was frequently monitored to obtain information on 2009 QCB observations and locations. On March 13, the website announced that QCB were observed flying on Jacumba Peak. This initiated the QCB surveys on the site.

Please see Table 1 for survey dates, conditions, and personnel. All surveys were conducted by Jim Rocks (Permit# TE-063230-3) and Cynthia Jones Daverin (Permit# TE-811615-4). Because weather conditions prior to and during the 2009 QCB flight season were regarded as very good across the known range of the species, site surveys were extended to a sixth week. Furthermore, at the end of the fifth survey, the site still supported flowering nectar sources, and other spring butterflies that are commonly present with QCB were still in flight. We think the combination of these two factors warranted conducting a sixth protocol survey.

Table 1. Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Survey Dates/Conditions

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| end) | 0-0% | 0-0% | 0-0% | 0-0% | 0-0% | clouds |
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Results

Survey results were negative for both QCB and larval host plant populations during the 2009 surveys. In general, the survey area supports a relatively low diversity of butterfly species. Butterfly species detected during the surveys are presented in Table 2, and a list of nectar sources and other plant species observed on the site is presented in Table 3.

Common species observed include Painted Lady (*Vanessa cardui*), Common White (*Pontia protodice*), Sara's Orangetip (*Anthocaris sara*), and Chalcedon Checkerspot (*Euphydryas chalcedona*). Becker's White (*Pontia beckeri*) and Bernardino Dotted-Blue (*Euphilotes bernardino*) appeared during the end of the surveys. The number of butterflies present on site in 2009 exceeded the number present in 2008.

Nectar sources for butterflies were present throughout the site, but the density varied widely with extremely dense patches in some areas and few to no nectar sources in adjacent areas. The

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primary nectar sources on site include Common Goldfields, Desert Dandelion, Scale-bud, California butterweed, California Coreopsis, Wild-Heliotrope, and Pincushion. Butterflies were particularly attracted to a variety of nectar sources in a small gully at the base of the rock outcrops adjacent to the international border. Larval food plants for butterflies were more common in the outcrops than on the project site. Various Mustards and Rancher's Fiddleneck (Amsinckia intermedia spp. intermedia) provided nectar sources in the gully.

During the first survey, few nectar sources were blooming. The greatest numbers of nectar sources were present during the middle surveys. By the final survey, most nectar sources had declined or were senescent, with the exception of wash areas and areas beneath large shrubs. Overall, the number of flowering plants was lower in 2009 than in 2008.

This report represents an accurate account of my work on the survey site.

Sincerely,

Jim Rocks, Principal Biologist Rocks Biological Consulting

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Table 2. Butterfly Species Detected by Survey Date

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| Common Name | Scientific Name | 3-23-09 | 3-30-09 | 4-6-09 | 4-16-09 | 4-22-09 | 4-24-09 |
| Common White | Pontia protodice | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Becker's White | Pontia beckeri | | | | X | X | X |
| Pearly Marble | Euchloe hyantis | | | X | | | |
| Sara Orangetip | Anthocaris sara | | X | X | X | X | |
| Sulphur | Colias sp. | | | | X | | |
| Western Pygmy-blue | Brephidium exile | | | X | X | | |
| Bernardino blue | Euphilotes battoides bernardino | | | | | X | |
| Chalcedon Checkerspot | Eyphydryas chalcedona | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Painted Lady | Vanessa cardui | X | X | X | X | | X |
| Common Buckeye | Junonia coenia | | X | | | | |
| Monarch | Danaus plexippus | | | | X | | |

Table 3. Potential QCB Nectar Sources and Other Noted Plants, March-April, 2009

| Potential QCB Nectar Sources | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--|--|
| Scientific Name | Common Name | | |
| Amsinckia menziesii var. intermedia | Rancher's Fiddleneck | | |
| Amsinckia tessellata var. tessellata | Checker Fiddleneck | | |
| Anisocoma acaulis | Scale-Bud | | |
| Calochortus splendens | Splendid Mariposa Lily | | |
| Camissonia californica | False-Mustard | | |
| Camissonia sp. | Primrose | | |
| Chaenactis fremontii | Pincushion | | |
| Chaenactis stevioides | Desert Pincushion | | |
| Coreopsis californica var. californica | California Coreopsis | | |
| Cryptantha intermedia | Nievitas Cryptantha | | |
| Descurainia pinnata | Tansy-Mustard | | |
| Emmenanthe penduliflora var. penduliflora | Whispering Bells | | |
| Eriogonum thurberi | Thurber's Buckwheat | | |
| Eriophyllum wallacei | Wallace's Woolly Daisy | | |
| Gilia spp. | Gilia | | |
| Guillenia lasiophylla | California Mustard | | |
| Larrea tridentata | Creosote Bush | | |
| Lasthenia gracilis | Common Goldfields | | |
| Lotus scoparius var. brevialatus | Deerweed | | |
| Lotus strigosus | Bishop's/Strigose Lotus | | |
| Lupinus concinnus | Bajada Lupine | | |
| Lycium andersonii | Waterjacket | | |
| Malacothrix glabrata | Desert Dandelion | | |
| Mentzelia affinis | Hydra Stick-Leaf | | |
| Pectocarya linearis var. ferocula | Slender Pectocarya | | |
| Pectocarya recurvata | Curvenut Combseed | | |
| Pectocarya setosa | Bristly Pectocarya | | |
| Phacelia distans | Wild-Heliotrope | | |
| Pholistoma membranaceum | White Fiesta Flower | | |
| Plagiobothrys sp. | Popcornflower | | |
| Platystemon californicus | Cream Cups | | |
| Prunus fremontii | Desert Apricot | | |
| Salvia columbariae | Chia | | |
| Senecio californicus | California Butterweed | | |

| Scientific Name | Common Name |
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| Senecio flaccidus var. monoensis | Mono Butterweed |
| *Sisymbrium altissimum | Tumble/Jim Hill Mustard |
| Thamnosma montana | Turpentine-Broom |
| Ziziphus parryi | Lotebush |
| Other Plants on Site | |
| Scientific Name | Common Name |
| Agave deserti | Desert Agave |
| Ambrosia [Hymenoclea] salsola | Cheesebush, Burrobrush |
| Atriplex canescens var. canescens | Four-Wing Saltbush/Shadscale |
| Bromus rubens | Red Brome |
| Calyptridium monandrum | Common Calyptridium |
| Cylindropuntia ganderi var. ganderi | Gander's Cholla |
| Chorizanthe brevicornu var. brevicornu | Brittle Spineflower |
| Chorizanthe fimbriata var. fimbriata | Fringed Spineflower |
| Echinocereus engelmannii | Englemann's Hedgehog Cactus |
| Ephedra californica | California Ephedra |
| Ephedra nevadensis | Nevada Ephedra |
| Ephedra viridis | Green Ephedra |
| Eriastrum densifolium var. elongatum | Chaparral Woolly-Star |
| Eriastrum eremicum | Desert Woolly-Star |
| Ericameria linearifolia | Goldenbush |
| Eriogonum fasciculatum var. polifolium | Mountain Buckwheat |
| Eriogonum gracile | Slender Buckwheat |
| *Erodium cicutarium | Red-Stem Filaree/Storksbill |
| Eschscholzia californica | California Poppy |
| Filago gallica | Filago |
| Galium sp. | Bedstraw |
| Juniperus californica | California Juniper |
| Loeseliastrum schottii | Schott's Calico |
| Lomatium mohavense | Mohave Lomatium |
| Lycium andersonii | Waterjacket |
| Mirabilis laevis | Wishbone Plant |
| Nama demissum var. demissum | Purple Mat |
| Opuntia phaecantha | Desert Prickly-Pear |
| Phoradendron californicum | Desert Mistletoe |

| Other Plants on Site | | |
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| Scientific Name | Common Name | |
| Prunus fremontii | Desert Apricot | |
| Rhus ovata | Sugar Bush | |
| Ribes quercetorum | Oak Gooseberry | |
| *Schismus barbatus | Arabian Schismus | |
| Sidotheca [Oxytheca] trilobata | Three-Lobe Starry Puncturebract | |
| Simmondsia chinensis | Jojoba | |
| Stephanomeria pauciflora | Wreath-Plant | |
| Stillingia linearifolia | Linear-Leaf Stillingia | |
| Thysanocarpus curvipes | Lacepod, Fringepod | |
| Yucca schidigera | Mohave Yucca | |
| Ziziphus parryi var. parryi | Lotebush | |
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Appendix B. 10-Day Notification Letter

March 15, 2009

Ms. Sandra Marquez U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 6010 Hidden Valley Road Carlsbad, CA 92011

Subject: 10-day Notification Letter for Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Protocol Surveys for San Diego Gas & Electric East County 500/230/60kV Substation Project near Jacumba, CA.

Ms. Marquez:

This letter is to inform you that I will be conducting a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) protocol Quino Checkerspot Butterfly surveys in Jacumba, CA. The survey area consists of an approximately 250-acre substation site and 13.5 miles of transmission line corridor. I have attached a map of the survey area for your information and review. Based on the 2006 FWS map, the site is located in Survey Area 1.

The survey area consists of suitable habitat including openings in Desert-transition Chaparral, Red-Shank Chaparral, and Chamise Chaparral. I will be assisted by one or more of the following biologists on this survey: Cindy Jones Daverin (Permit # 811615-4), David Faulkner (838743-5), Erik LaCoste (TE-027736-4), and Darin Busby TE-115373-0.

Per the protocol, a thorough habitat assessment of the proposed survey area will be conducted. Host plants as well as other plants and environmental variables associated with known habitat of the butterfly, such as nectar sources, openings in scrub, grassland and other habitats, and intact soil crusts will be documented.

Please contact me at (619) 843-6640 if you have any questions or concerns about this protocol survey.

Sincerely,

Jim Rocks, Principal Biologist USFWS Permit No. 063230-3

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Appendix C.2 Floral Species Documented on and Adjacent to the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line Project Site (excerpt from EDAW, Inc. 2010b)

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APPENDIX C.2

FLORAL SPECIES DOCUMENTED ON AND ADJACENT TO THE ESJ GEN-TIE PROJECT SITE

| Scientific Name | Common Name |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Acacia greggii | Catclaw acacia |
| Agave deserti | Agave |
| Allium fimbriatum var. fimbriatum | Desert onion |
| Amsinckia menziesii var. intermedia | Rancher's fiddleneck |
| Amsinckia tessellata | Checker fiddleneck |
| Anisocoma acaulis | Scale bud |
| Atriplex canescens | Four-wing saltbush |
| Bromus rubens (non-native invasive) | Red brome |
| Calochortus splendens | Splendid Mariposa lily |
| Calyptridium monandrum | Common calypatridium |
| Camissonia californica | False mustard |
| Camissonia sp. | Primrose |
| Chaenactis stevioides | Desert pincushion |
| Chamaesyce albomarginata | Rattlesnake weed |
| Chorizanthe brevicornu | Brittle spineflower |
| Chorizanthe fimbriata | Fringed spineflower |
| Coreopsis californica var. californica | California coreopsis |
| Cryptantha intermedia | Nievitas cryptantha |
| Cylindropuntia ganderi | Gander's buckhorn cholla |
| Delphinium sp. | Larkspur |
| Descurainia pinnata | Tansy mustard |
| | Blue dicks |
| Dichelostemma capitatum | |
| Echinocereus engelmannii | Engelmann's hedgehog cactus |
| Emmenanthe penduliflora | Whispering bells California ephedra |
| Ephedra californica | |
| Ephedra nevadensis | Nevada ephedra |
| Ephedra viridis | Green ephedra |
| Eriastrum eremicum | Desert woollystar Pinebush |
| Ericameria pinifolia | |
| Eriogonum fasciculatum var. polifolium | Mountain buckwheat Slender buckwheat |
| Eriogonum gracile | Thurbur's buckwheat |
| Eriogonum thurburi Eriophyllum wallacei | Wallace's wooly daisy |
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| Erodium cicutarium (non-native) | |
| Eschscholzia californica | California poppy |
| Filago sp. | Filago |
| Galium sp. | Bedstraw |
| Gilia spp. | Gilia |
| Guillenia lasiophylla | California mustard |
| Hymenoclea salsola | Cheesebush |
| Juniperous californica | California juniper |
| Larrea tridentata | Creosote bush |
| Lasthenia gracilis | Common goldfields |
| Loeseliastrum schottii | Schott's calico |
| Logfia depressa | Dwarf cottonrose |
| Lomatium mohavense | Mohave lomatium |
| Lotus scoparius var. brevialatus | Deerweed |

| Scientific Name | Common Name |
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| Lotus strigosus | Strigose lotus |
| Lupinus concinnus | Bajada lupine |
| Lycium andersonii | Waterjacket |
| Malacothrix glabrata | Desert dandelion |
| Mentzelia affinis | Hydra stick-leaf |
| Mirabilis laevis | Wishbone |
| Nama demissum var. demissum | Purple mat |
| Opuntia chlorotica | Pancake prickly pear |
| Opuntia phaecantha | Mojave prickly pear |
| Pectocarya linearis var. ferocula | Slender pectocarya |
| Pectocarya recurvata | Curvenut combseed |
| Pectocarya setosa | Bristly pectocarya |
| Phacelia distans | Wild heliotrope |
| Pholistoma membranaceum | White fiesta flower |
| Phoradendron californicum | Desert mistletoe |
| Plagiobothrys sp. | Popcorn flower |
| Platystemon californicus | cream cups |
| Prunus fremonti | Desert apricot |
| Purshia tridentata | Antelope bitterbrush |
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| Rhus ovata | Sugar bush |
| Ribes quercetorum | Oak gooseberry |
| Salvia columbariae | Chia |
| Schismus barbatus | Arabian schismus |
| Senecio californicus | California butterweed |
| Senecio flaccidus var. monoensis | Mono butterweed |
| Sidotheca trilobata | Three-lobe starry puncturebract |
| Simmondsia chinensis | Jojoba |
| Sisymbrium altissimum (non-native) | Tumble mustard |
| Stephanomeria sp. | Wreath plant |
| Stillingia linearifolia | Linear-leaved stillingia |
| Stylocline gnaphaloides | Everlasting nest straw |
| Tetradymia canescens | Spineless horsebrush |
| Thamnosma montana | Turpentinebroom |
| Thysamnocarpus curvipes | Fringepod |
| Yucca schidigera | Mojave yucca |
| Ziziphus parryi | Lotebush |

Appendix C.3 Special-status Plant Species Known or Potentially Occurring at the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line Project Site (excerpt from EDAW, Inc. 2010b)

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APPENDIX C.3

SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES OBSERVED OR POTENTIALLY OCCURRING WITHIN THE PROPOSED ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ GEN-TIE PROJECT SITE

| Species | State/ Federal Status | CNPS List | County of San Diego | Habitat/Blooming Period | Comments |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Astragalus douglasii var. perstrictus Jacumba milk-vetch | _/_ | 1B | Group A | Chaparral, cismontane woodland, valley and foothill grassland/rocky; blooms Apr-May. | Moderate, though undetected. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. Furthermore, there is a lack of suitable habitat on-site. A known occurrence occurs within 1-mile of the project site. |
| Astragalus magdalenae var. peirsonii Peirson's milk-vetch | SE/FT | 1B | Group A | Perennial herb; desert dunes; blooms Dec-Apr; elevation 180-820 ft. | Not expected to occur as project site is well out of species known elevation range. |
| Ayenia compacta Ayenia | -/- 4 | | Group B | Mojave desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub/rocky. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. |
| Berberis fremontii Fremont barberry | / | 3 | Group C | Chaparral, Joshua tree woodland, piñon and juniper woodland/rocky; blooms Apr-June | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. Furthermore, there is a lack of suitable habitat on-site. |
| Bursera microphylla Elephant tree | / | 2 | Group B | Deciduous tree; Sonoran Desert scrub (rocky); blooms June-July, elevation 656-2,296 feet. | Moderate potential to occur. Suitable habitat does occur onsite. However, the project site is out of the species' known elevation range. |
| Calliandra eriophylla Fairyduster | / | 2 | Group B | Sonoran Desert scrub (sandy or rocky); blooms Mar-Apr. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. |
| Caulanthus simulans Payson's jewelflower | / | 4.2 | Group D | Annual herb; chaparral, coastal scrub on sandy, granitic substrate; blooms (Feb) Mar-May (June); elevation 295- 7,282 ft. | Low to moderate potential to occur based on habitat preference; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |

| Species | State/ Federal Status | CNPS List | County of San Diego | Habitat/Blooming Period | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Chamaesyce platysperma Flat-seeded spurge | / | 1B | Group A | Sonoran Desert (Coachella Valley) on sandy soils; blooms in May | Low potential to occur. There is a known occurrence in Coachella valley, approximately 23 miles away from the project site directly. Widespread in southwest Arizona. |
| Croton wigginsii Wiggin's croton | / | 2 | n.a. | Sand dunes; blooms Mar-May | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. |
| Cynanchum utahense Utah vine milkweed | / | 4.2 | Group D | Perennial herb; Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub on sandy or gravelly substrate; blooms Apr- June, elevation 492-4,707 ft. | Moderate potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. Rare plant survey conducted during blooming period in April. |
| Deinandra floribunda Tecate tarplant | / | 1B | Group A | Chaparral, coastal scrub; blooms Aug-Oct. | Not expected to occur onsite due to lack of suitable habitat. |
| Delphinium parishii ssp. subglobosum Colorado Desert larkspur | / | 4.3 | Group D | Perennial herb; Chaparral, cismontane woodland, pinyon and juniper woodland, Sonoran desert scrub; blooms Mar-June; elevation 1,968-5,904 ft. | Moderate potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. Surveys conducted during the peak of the blooming period did not document the species. |
| Dieteria asteroids var. lagunensis Mount Laguna aster | _/_ | 2 | n.a. | Cismontane woodland, lower montane coniferous forest; blooms Aug-Oct. | Not expected to occur onsite due to lack of suitable habitat. |
| Eryngium aristulatum ssp. parishii San Diego button-celery | SE/FE | 1B | Group A | Annual/perennial herb; coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland, vernal pools/mesic; blooms Apr-June; elevation 66-2,034 ft. | Not expected to occur onsite due to lack of suitable habitat. |
| Eucnide rupestris (=Hemizonia conjugens) Rock nettle | / | 2 | Group B | Sonoran Desert scrub; blooms Dec- Apr. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. |
| Geraea viscida Sticky geraea | _/_ | 2 | Group B | Chaparral (often in disturbed areas); blooms May-June. | Not observed. Not expected to occur due to lack of suitable habitat |

| Species | State/ Federal Status | CNPS List | County of San Diego | Habitat/Blooming Period | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Harpagonella palmeri Palmer's grappling hook | / | 4.2 | Group D | Annual herb; Chaparral, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland on clay substrates; blooms Mar-May; elevation 65-3,132 ft. | Low potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Helianthus niveus Variegated dudleya | /E 1B | | n.a. | Open sandy places; blooms Sept-May. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. |
| Herissantia crispa Curly herissantia | / | 2 | Group B | Annual/perennial herb; Sonoran Desert scrub; blooms Apr (uncommon)/Aug-Sept; elevation 2,296-2,378 ft. | Moderate potential to occur. Suitable habitat does occur onsite. However, the project site is out of the species' known elevation range. |
| Heuchera brevistaminea Laguna Mountains alumroot | / 1B | | Group A | Riparian, chaparral, foothill woodland, mixed evergreen forest; blooms Apr-Jul/Sept. (uncommon). | Not observed. Not expected to occur due to lack of suitable habitat |
| Hulsea californica San Diego sunflower | _/_ | 1B | Group A | Openings in yellow pine forest; blooms Apr-Jun. | Not observed. Not expected to occur due to lack of suitable habitat |
| Hulsea mexicana Mexican hulsea | / | 2.3 | Group B | areas); blooms Apr-June; elevation 3,936 ft. | Low potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Ipomopsis tenuifolia Slender-leaved ipomopsis | / | 2 | Group B | Chaparral, piñon and juniper woodland, Sonoran Desert scrub/gravelly or rocky soils; blooms Mar-May. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. |
| Linanthus bellus Desert beauty | / | 2 | Group B | Chaparral (sandy); blooms Apr-May. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. |
| Lotus haydonii Pygmy lotus | / | 1B | Group A | Piñon and juniper woodland, Sonoran Desert scrub (rocky); blooms Mar- Jun | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. |
| Lupinus excubitus var. medius Mountain Springs bush lupine | -/- | 1B | Group A | Piñon and juniper woodland, Sonoran Desert scrub; blooms Mar-Apr. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. |

| Species | State/ Federal Status | CNPS List | County of San Diego | Habitat/Blooming Period | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Mentzelia hirsutissima Hairy stickleaf | / | 2 | Group B | Annual herb; Sonoran Desert scrub (rocky); blooms Apr-May; elevation 0-2,296 ft. | Moderate potential to occur. This species may have been detected during surveys. Suitable habitat does occur onsite. However, the project site is out of the species' known elevation range. |
| Mentzelia tridentata Creamy blazing star | -/- | 1B | n.a. | Mojave Desert scrub/rocky, gravelly, sandy; blooms Apr-May. | Low potential to occur. Marginally suitable habitat does occur onsite. |
| Mimulus aridus low bush monkeyflower | / | 4.3 | Group D | Evergreen shrub; chaparral; blooms Apr-July; elevation 2,460-3,608 ft. | Low potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Nemacaulis denudata var. gracilis Slender woolly-heads | / | 2 | Group B | Dunes; coastal strand, creosote bush scrub; blooms Mar-May. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. Furthermore, there is a lack of suitable habitat on-site. |
| Opuntia munzii Munz's cholla | / | 1B | Group A | Stem succulent; Sonoran Desert, flats, hills, sandy to rocky soils; blooms in May; elevation 492-1,968 ft. | Low potential to occur. Suitable habitat does occur onsite. However, the project site is well out of the species' known elevation range. |
| Penstemon thurberi Thurber's beardtongue | / | 4.2 | Group D | Perennial herb; chaparral, Joshua tree woodland, pinyon and juniper woodland, Sonoran desert scrub; blooms May-July; elevation 3,936-4002 ft. | Moderate potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. Surveys did not document this perennial herb, or any other <i>Penstemon</i> species onsite. |
| Rhus trilobata var. simplicifolia Single-leaved skunk bush | / | 2.3 | Group B | Deciduous shrub; pinyon and juniper woodland; blooms Mar-Apr; elevation 4,002-4,494 | Low potential to occur. Suitable habitat does occur onsite. However, the project site is slightly out of the species' known elevation range and it was not detected during surveys. |
| Selaginella eremophila Desert spikemoss | / | 1B | Group B | Rhizomatous herb; Sonoran Desert scrub (gravelly or rocky); blooms June/May and July (uncommon); elevation 656-2,952 ft. | Moderate potential to occur. Suitable habitat does occur onsite. However, the project site is out of the species' known elevation range. |
| Senecio aphanactis Chaparral ragwort | / | 2.2 | Group B | Annual herb; chaparral, cismontane woodland; coastal scrub/sometimes alkaline: blooms Jan-Apr; elevation 49-2,624 ft. | Not expected to occur. Marginal habitat onsite, project is slightly out of the species' known elevation range. |

| Species | State/ Federal Status | CNPS List | County of San Diego | Habitat/Blooming Period | Comments |
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| Senna covesii Cove's cassia | / | 2.2 | | Perennial herb; Sonoran desert scrub; blooms Mar-June; elevation 1,000- 3,510 | Moderate potential to occur based on habitat preference; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Tetrococcus dioicus Parry's tetracoccus | / | 1B | Group A | Chaparral, coastal scrub; blooms Apr- May | Not observed. Not expected to occur due to lack of suitable habitat |
| Texosporium sancti-jacobi woven-spored lichen | ST/ | n.a. | n.a. | Lichen; organic matter and organic soil in sagebrush, old fenceposts, or other wood | Moderate potential to occur. |

STATUS CODES

State/Federal Status

FE = Federally listed endangered
FT = Federally listed threatened
SE = State listed endangered
ST = State listed threatened
SR = State listed rare

County of San Diego Status

Group A = Plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere.

Group B = Plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California but more common elsewhere.

Group C = Plants which may be quite rare, but need more information to determine true rarity status.

Group D = Plants limited in distribution and uncommon but not presently rare or endangered.

California Native Plant Society Status

1A = Species presumed extinct.

1B = Species rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere. These species are eligible for state listing.

2 = Species rare, threatened, or endangered in California but more common elsewhere. These species are eligible for state listing.

3 = Species for which more information is needed. Distribution, endangerment, and/or taxonomic information is needed.

4 = A watch list of species of limited distribution. These species need to be monitored for changes in the status of their populations.

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Appendix C.4 Wildlife Species Observed/Detected on the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line Project Site (excerpt from EDAW, Inc. 2010b)

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APPENDIX C.4

WILDLIFE SPECIES OBSERVED/DETECTED ON THE ESJ GEN-TIE PROJECT SITE

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Identification Method | Notes |
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| Mammals | | • | |
| White-tailed antelope ground squirrel | Ammospermophilus leucurus | sightings | |
| Coyote | Canis latrans | tracks, probable burrows | |
| Bobcat (unconfirmed) | Felis rufus | possible tracks | |
| Black-tailed jack rabbit | Lepus californicus | sightings | |
| Unidentified small rodent | | tracks, burrows | |
| Medium-size animal burrow | | ~1' diameter burrows | |
| Birds | 1 | | |
| Black-throated sparrow | Amphispiza bilineata | sightings | perched |
| Western scrub jay | Aphelocoma californica | sightings | perched |
| Red-tailed hawk | Buteo jamaicensis | sighting | Briefly soaring over sight |
| Common ravens | Corvus corax | sighting | Two flying over the site |
| Horned lark | Eremophila alpestris | audio and visual | |
| Northern mockingbird | Mimus polyglottos | sighting | perched |
| Ash-throated flycatcher | Myiarchus cinerascens | sighting | perched |
| Scott's oriole | Icterus parisorum | sightings | perched |
| Ladder-backed woodpecker (unconfirmed) | Picoides scalaris | possible sighting | Foraging on agave flower stalks |
| Western kingbird | Tyrannus verticalis | sighting | perched |
| White-crowned sparrow | Zonotrichia leucophrys | sighting | perched |
| Unidentified inactive bird nests | | sightings | ~5-inch diameter, cuplike, in <i>Lycium/Ziziphus</i> |
| Reptiles | | | |
| Tiger Whiptail | Aspidoscelis tigris | sighting | |
| Unidentified lizard | | sightings | Small (3 to 5 inches) |
| Butterflies | | | |
| painted lady | Vanessa cardui | sightings | QCB survey |
| common white | Pontia protodice | sightings | QCB survey |
| Ceraunus blue | Hemiargus ceraunus | sighting | QCB survey |
| Sara's orangetip | Anthocharis sara | sighting | QCB survey |
| funereal duskywing | Erynnis funeralis | sightings | QCB survey |
| sulphur | Colias sp. | sightings | QCB survey |
| red Admiral | Vanessa atalanta | sighting | QCB survey |
| Chalcedon checkerspot | Euphydryas chalcedona | sighting | QCB survey |
| Becker's white | Pontia beckeri | sighting | QCB survey |
| anise swallowtail | Papilio zelicaon | sightings | QCB survey |
| black swallowtail | Papilio polyxenes | sighting | QCB survey |

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Appendix C.5 Special-status Wildlife Species Known or Potentially Occurring at the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line Project Site (excerpt from EDAW, Inc. 2010b)

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APPENDIX C.5 SENSITIVE WILDLIFE SPECIES OBSERVED OR POTENTIALLY OCCURRING WITHIN THE PROPOSED ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ GEN-TIE PROJECT SITE

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Federal Status | State Status | BLM | County of San Diego | Habitat | Potential to Occur Onsite |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Birds | | | | | | | |
| Accipiter cooperii | Cooper's hawk | | SSC | | Group 1 | Forests and open woodland habitats | Low (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |
| Aquila chrysaetos canadensis | Golden eagle | BEGEPA | CFP | | Group 1 | Requires vast foraging areas in grasslands, broken chaparral or sage scrub. Secluded cliffs with overhanging ledges and large trees for nesting and cover. | Low (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |
| Agelaius tricolor | Tricolored blackbird | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 1 | Dairies and ripening grain heads, rice districts, cattail marshes | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Athene cunicularia | Western burrowing owl | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 1 | Deserts with burrowing animals | Low. |
| Cathartes aura meridionalis | Turkey vulture | | | | Group 1 | Open stages of habitats that provide cliffs and large trees. | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Circus cyaneus | Northern harrier (nesting) | | SSC | | Group 1 | Coastal lowland, marshes grassland, agricultural fields | Low (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |

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| Scientific Name Eremophila alpestris actia | Common Name California horned lark | Status | SSC SSC | BLM | San Diego Group 2 | Habitat Sandy shores, mesas, disturbed areas, grasslands, agricultural lands, sparse creosote bush scrub | Occur Onsite Observed |
| Falco mexicanus | Prairie falcon | ł | SSC | | Group 1 | Open country | Moderate (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |
| Falco peregrinus anatum | American peregrine falcon | D | Е | | Group 1 | Open country, especially along rivers; also near lakes, along coasts, and in cities | Low (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |
| Lanius ludovicianus | Loggerhead shrike | | SSC | | Group 1 | Open foraging areas near scattered bushes and low trees | High |
| Parabuteo unicinctus | Harris' hawk | - | SSC | | | River woods, mesquite, brush, cactus deserts | Low (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |
| Piranga rubra | Summer tanager | | SSC | | Group 2 | Desert riparian habitat dominated by cottonwood and willow. | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Toxostoma crissale | Crissal thrasher | | SSC | | Group 1 | Dense thickets of shrubs or low trees in desert riparian and desert wash habitats | Low due to lack of habitat. |
| Toxostoma lecontei lecontei | Leconte's thrasher | ł | | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Desert scrub habitats; prefers breeding in saltbush/shadscale vegetation or cholla cacti in sandy substrate. | Moderate |

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| Scientific Name | Common Name | Status | Status | BLM | San Diego | Habitat | Occur Onsite |
| Vireo bellii pusillus | Least Bell's vireo | Е | E | | Group 1 | Riparian | Not expected |
| | | | | | | | due to lack of |
| | | | | | | | habitat. |
| Vireo vicinior | Gray vireo | | SSC | BLM | Group 1 | Hot, semi-arid, shrubby habitats, | Low |
| | | | | Sensitive | | especially mesquite and brushy | |
| | | | | | | pinyon-juniper woodlands; also | |
| | | | | | | chaparral, desert scrub. Thorn | |
| | | | | | | scrub, oak-juniper woodland, | |
| | | | | | | pinyon-juniper, juniper-cholla, | |
| | | | | | | mesquite, dry chaparral. Nests in | |
| | | | | | | mature, closed vegetation. | |
| | | | | | | Dependent upon elephant tree in | |
| | | | | | | the winter. | |
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| Scientific Name | Common Name | Federal Status | State Status | BLM | County of San Diego | Habitat | Potential to Occur Onsite |
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| Reptiles | | | | | | | |
| Coleonyx switaki | Barefoot banded gecko | | Т | | Group 2 | Arroyos and rocky hillsides, especially near large boulders or rocky outcrops | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Phrynosoma mcalli | Flat-tailed horned lizard | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 1 | Dunes and sandy flats of low desert | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Salvadora hexalepis virgultea | Coast patch-nosed snake | | SSC | | Group 2 | Grasslands, chaparral, sagebrush, desert scrub in sandy and rocky areas | Low |
| Crotalus ruber ruber | Red diamond rattlesnake | | SSC | | Group 2 | Desert scrub and riparian, coastal sage scrub, open chaparral, grassland, and agricultural fields | High |
| Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillei | San Diego horned lizard | | SSC | | Group 2 | Coastal sage, annual grassland, chaparral, oak woodland, riparian woodland, and coniferous forest; loose, fine soils with a high sand fraction, an abundance of native ants or other insects, and open areas with limited overstory for basking and low but relatively dense shrubs for refuge | Low |
| Uma notata notata | Colorado Desert fringe- toed lizard | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 1 | Desert dunes, flats, riverbanks, and washes with loose sand and scant vegetation | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Federal Status | State Status | BLM | County of San Diego | Habitat | Potential to Occur Onsite |
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| Mammals | | | | | | | |
| Chaetodipus californicus femoralis | Dulzura California pocket mouse | | SSC | | Group 2 | Chaparral, desert grassland. | Low |
| Corynorhinus townsendii pallescens | Townsend's big-eared bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Caves, mines, buidlings. Variety of habitats, arid to mesic. Individual or colonial. Sensitive to disturbance. | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Eumops perotis californicus | Great western mastiff bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Woodlands, rocky habitat, arid and semiarid lowlands, cliffs, crevices, buildings, tree hollows. | Low |
| Felis concolor | Mountain lion | | CFP | | Group 2 | Many habitats, wherever deer are found. | Low |
| Lasiurus blossevillii | Western red bat | | SSC | | Group 2 | Forests and woodlands from sea level up through mixed conifer woodlands. Not found in desert areas. | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Myotis ciliolabrum | Small-footed myotis | | | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Arid wooded and brushy uplands near water. | Low |
| Nyctinomops macrotis | Big free-tailed bat | | SSC | | Group 2 | Prefers rugged rocky canyons. Buildings, caves, holes in trees. | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Ovis canadensis cremnobates | peninsular bighorn sheep | E | Т | | Group 1 | Dry, rocky, low-elevation desert slopes | Low, per discussions with USFWS. |

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| Scientific Name | Common Name | Status | Status | BLM | San Diego | Habitat | Occur Onsite |
| Onychomys torridus ramona | southern grasshopper mouse | | SSC | | Group 2 | Alkali desert scrub and desert scrub preferred; also succulent scrub, wash, and riparian areas; coastal sage scrub, mixed chaparral, sagebrush, low sage, and bitterbrush; low to moderate shrub cover preferred | Moderate |
| Neotoma lepida intermedia | San Diego desert woodrat | | SSC | | Group 2 | Coastal sage scrub, chaparral, most desert habitats | Moderate; no woodrat middens documented onsite |
| Perognathus longimembris internationalis | Jacumba little pocket mouse | | SSC | | Group 2 | Desert scrub and grasslands on loosely packed or sandy soils with sparse to moderately dense vegetation. | Low |
| Lepus californicus bennettii | San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit | | SSC | | Group 2 | Semi-open scrub habitats throughout southern California | Observed |
| Taxidea taxus | American badger | | SSC | | Group 2 | Grasslands, Sonoran Desert scrub | Moderate |
| Macrotus californicus | California leaf-nosed bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Low deserts, caves, mines, buildings. | Moderate foraging, no roosting |
| Antrozous pallidus | Pallid bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Arid deserts and grasslands; shallow caves, crevices, rock outcrops, buildings, tree cavities, esp. near water | Moderate foraging, no roosting |

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| Scientific Name | Common Name | Status | Status | BLM | San Diego | Habitat | Occur Onsite |
| Euderma maculatum | Spotted bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Wide variety of habitats: caves crevices, trees; prefers sites with adequate roosting sites | Low |
| Corynorhinus townsendii pallescens | Pale big-eared bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Caves, mines, buildings; variety of habitats, arid and mesic | Low |
| Nyctinomops femorosaccus | Pocketed free-tailed bat | | SSC | | Group 2 | Crevices in rocks, slopes, cliffs; lower elevations | Moderate foraging, no roosting |
| Chaetodipus fallax pallidus | pallid San Diego pocket mouse | | SSC | | Group 2 | Chaparral, open, sandy areas | Low |
| Invertebrates | | | | | | | |
| Euphydryas editha quino | Quino checkerspot butterfly | Е | | | Group 1 | Coastal sage scrub | Moderate |

Status Codes:

State/Federal Status

BEGEPA = protected under the federal Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

BLM Sensitive = species that may require federal T/E listing, or with small and widely dispered populations, or inhabiting ecological refugia or unique habitats.

CFP = California Fully Protected species.

D = Delisted.

E = Endangered.

SSC = California Species of Special Concern.

T = Threatened.

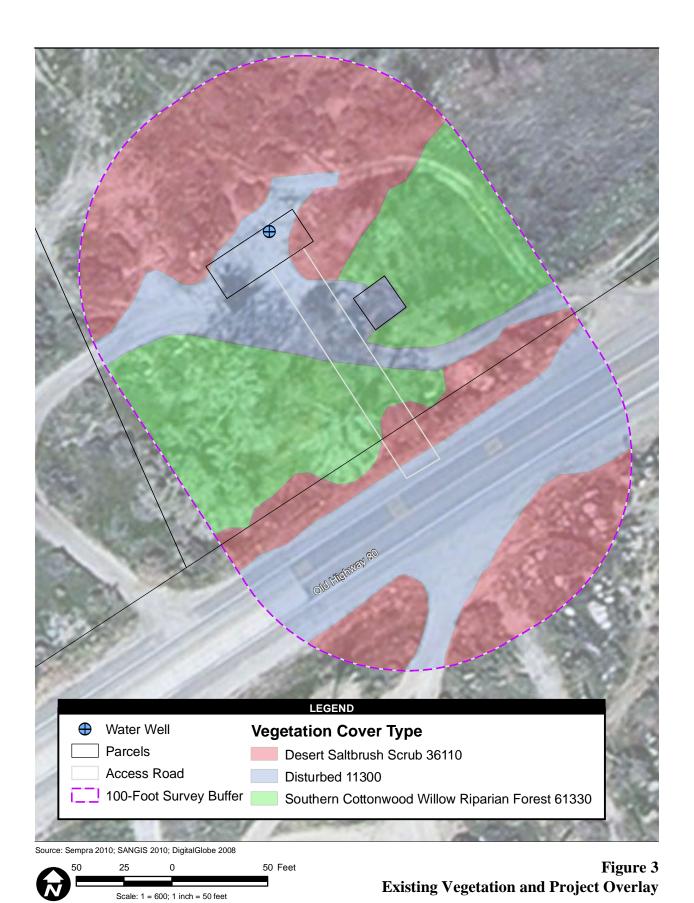
County of San Diego Status

Group I = animal species that are listed as threatened or endangered or have very specific natural history requirements that must be met.

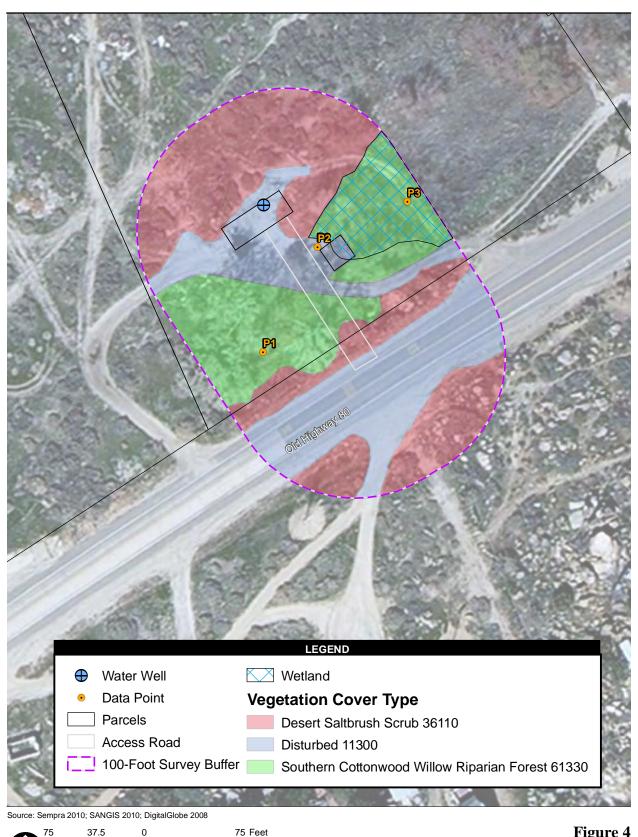
Group II = animal species that are becoming less common, but are not yet so rare that extirpation or extinction is imminent without immediate action.

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Appendix C.6 Special-status Wildlife Species Known or Potentially Occurring at the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line Project Groundwater Well Access Road (excerpt from AECOM 2011a.)



ESJ Well Driveway Project Number 09-0107420



Scale: 1 = 900; 1 inch = 75 feet

Figure 4 Potential Jurisdictional Areas

APPENDIX A

FLORAL SPECIES DOCUMENTED ON AND ADJACENT TO THE PROJECT SITE

| Scientific Name | Common Name | | | | |
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| Amsinckia menziesii var. intermedia | Rancher's fiddleneck | | | | |
| Artemisia dracunculus | Mugwort | | | | |
| Atriplex canescens | Four-wing saltbush | | | | |
| Avena sp. (non-native) | Wild oats | | | | |
| Baccharis salicifolia | Mule fat | | | | |
| Brassica sp. | Mustard | | | | |
| Bromus madritensis | Brome | | | | |
| Bromus rubens (nonnative invasive) | Red brome | | | | |
| Cirsium vulgare | Thistle | | | | |
| Conyza canadensis | Horsetail | | | | |
| Corethrogyne filaginifolia | Sand aster | | | | |
| Eriastrum densiflorum | Woollystar | | | | |
| Erodium cicutarium (nonnative) | Filaree | | | | |
| Isocoma menziesii | Goldenbush | | | | |
| Oxalis latifolia | Wood sorrel | | | | |
| Phoradendron californicum | Desert mistletoe | | | | |
| Populus fremonti | Cottonwood | | | | |
| Salix sp. | Willow | | | | |
| Sisymbrium irio (nonnative) | London rocket | | | | |
| Solidago confinis | Goldenrod | | | | |
| Tamarix sp. | Tamarisk | | | | |

APPENDIX B

SENSITIVE WILDLIFE SPECIES OBSERVED OR POTENTIALLY OCCURRING WITHIN THE PROJECT SITE

| G | G N | Federal | State | DY 1.6 | County of | TT 114 | Potential to Occur |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|--------|------------------|-----------|--|---|
| Scientific Name Birds | Common Name | Status | Status | BLM | San Diego | Habitat | On-site |
| Accipiter cooperii | Cooper's hawk | | SSC | | Group 1 | Forests and open woodland habitats | Low (foraging); no nests detected. |
| Aquila chrysaetos canadensis | Golden eagle | BEGEPA | CFP | | Group 1 | Requires vast foraging areas in grasslands, broken chaparral or sage scrub. Secluded cliffs with overhanging ledges and large trees for nesting and cover. | Low (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |
| Agelaius tricolor | Tricolored blackbird | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 1 | Dairies and ripening grain heads, rice districts, cattail marshes | Moderate. |
| Athene cunicularia | Western burrowing owl | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 1 | Deserts with burrowing animals | Low, habitat not appropriate. |
| Cathartes aura meridionalis | Turkey vulture | | | | Group 1 | Open stages of habitats that provide cliffs and large trees. | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Circus cyaneus | Northern harrier (nesting) | | SSC | | Group 1 | Coastal lowland, marshes grassland, agricultural fields | Low (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |
| Eremophila alpestris actia | California horned lark | | SSC | | Group 2 | Sandy shores, mesas, disturbed areas, grasslands, agricultural lands, sparse creosote bush scrub | Low, habitat is of marginal quality. |
| Falco mexicanus | Prairie falcon | | SSC | | Group 1 | Open country | Low (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |
| Falco peregrinus anatum | American peregrine falcon | D | Е | | Group 1 | Open country, especially along rivers; also near lakes, along coasts, and in cities | Low (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |
| Lanius ludovicianus | Loggerhead shrike | | SSC | | Group 1 | Open foraging areas near scattered bushes and low trees | Moderate, not observed during surveys. |

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Federal Status | State Status | BLM | County of San Diego | Habitat | Potential to Occur On-site |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Parabuteo unicinctus | Harris' hawk | | SSC | | | River woods, mesquite, brush, cactus deserts | Low (foraging); not expected to nest, due to lack of habitat. |
| Piranga rubra | Summer tanager | | SSC | | Group 2 | Desert riparian habitat dominated by cottonwood and willow. | Moderate, not observed. |
| Toxostoma crissale | Crissal thrasher | | SSC | | Group 1 | Dense thickets of shrubs or low trees in desert riparian and desert wash habitats | Moderate, not observed. |
| Toxostoma lecontei lecontei | Leconte's thrasher | | | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Desert scrub habitats; prefers breeding in saltbush/shadscale vegetation or cholla cacti in sandy substrate. | Moderate |
| Vireo bellii pusillus | Least Bell's vireo | Е | Е | | Group 1 | Riparian | Low, habitat is marginal. |
| Vireo vicinior | Gray vireo | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 1 | Hot, semi-arid, shrubby habitats, especially mesquite and brushy pinyon-juniper woodlands; also chaparral, desert scrub. Thorn scrub, oakjuniper woodland, pinyon-juniper, juniper-cholla, mesquite, dry chaparral. Nests in mature, closed vegetation. Dependent upon elephant tree in the winter. | Low |
| Reptiles | D C (1 1 1 | T | Tr | 1 | | I | NI |
| Coleonyx switaki | Barefoot banded gecko | | Т | | Group 2 | Arroyos and rocky hillsides, especially near large boulders or rocky outcrops | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Phrynosoma mcalli | Flat-tailed horned lizard | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 1 | Dunes and sandy flats of low desert | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Salvadora hexalepis virgultea | Coast patch-nosed snake | | SSC | | Group 2 | Grasslands, chaparral, sagebrush, desert scrub in sandy and rocky areas | Low |

| | | Federal | State | | County of | | Potential to Occur |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|------------------|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Scientific Name | Common Name | Status | Status | BLM | San Diego | Habitat | On-site |
| Crotalus ruber ruber | Red diamond rattlesnake | | SSC | | Group 2 | Desert scrub and riparian, coastal sage scrub, open chaparral, grassland, and agricultural fields | High |
| Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillei | San Diego horned lizard | | SSC | | Group 2 | Coastal sage, annual grassland, chaparral, oak woodland, riparian woodland, and coniferous forest; loose, fine soils with a high sand fraction, an abundance of native ants or other insects, and open areas with limited overstory for basking and low but relatively dense shrubs for refuge | Moderate |
| Uma notata notata | Colorado Desert fringe-toed lizard | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 1 | Desert dunes, flats, riverbanks, and washes with loose sand and scant vegetation | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Mammals | | | | | | | |
| Chaetodipus californicus femoralis | Dulzura California pocket mouse | | SSC | | Group 2 | Chaparral, desert grassland. | Low |
| Corynorhinus townsendii pallescens | Townsend's big-eared bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Caves, mines, buildings. Variety of habitats, arid to mesic. Individual or colonial. Sensitive to disturbance. | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Eumops perotis californicus | Great western mastiff bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Woodlands, rocky habitat, arid and semiarid lowlands, cliffs, crevices, buildings, tree hollows. | Low |
| Felis concolor | Mountain lion | | CFP | | Group 2 | Many habitats, wherever deer are found. | Low |
| Lasiurus blossevillii | Western red bat | | SSC | | Group 2 | Forests and woodlands from sea level up through mixed conifer woodlands. Not found in desert areas. | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |
| Myotis ciliolabrum | Small-footed myotis | | | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Arid wooded and brushy uplands near water. | Low |
| Nyctinomops macrotis | Big free-tailed bat | | SSC | | Group 2 | Prefers rugged rocky canyons. Buildings, caves, holes in trees. | Not expected due to lack of habitat. |

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Federal Status | State Status | BLM | County of San Diego | Habitat | Potential to Occur On-site |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Ovis canadensis cremnobates | peninsular bighorn sheep | Е | Т | | Group 1 | Dry, rocky, low-elevation desert slopes | Low, per discussions with USFWS. |
| Onychomys torridus ramona | southern grasshopper mouse | | SSC | | Group 2 | Alkali desert scrub and desert scrub preferred; also succulent scrub, wash, and riparian areas; coastal sage scrub, mixed chaparral, sagebrush, low sage, and bitterbrush; low to moderate shrub cover preferred | Moderate |
| Neotoma lepida intermedia | San Diego desert woodrat | | SSC | | Group 2 | Coastal sage scrub, chaparral, most desert habitats | Moderate; no woodrat middens documented on-site |
| Perognathus longimembris internationalis | Jacumba little pocket mouse | | SSC | | Group 2 | Desert scrub and grasslands on loosely packed or sandy soils with sparse to moderately dense vegetation. | Low |
| Lepus californicus bennettii | San Diego black- tailed jackrabbit | | SSC | | Group 2 | Semi-open scrub habitats throughout southern California | High |
| Taxidea taxus | American badger | | SSC | | Group 2 | Grasslands, Sonoran Desert scrub | Moderate |
| Macrotus californicus | California leaf-nosed bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Low deserts, caves, mines, buildings. | Moderate foraging, no roosting |
| Antrozous pallidus | Pallid bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Arid deserts and grasslands; shallow caves, crevices, rock outcrops, buildings, tree cavities, esp. near water | Moderate foraging, no roosting |
| Euderma maculatum | Spotted bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Wide variety of habitats: caves crevices, trees; prefers sites with adequate roosting sites | Low |
| Corynorhinus townsendii pallescens | Pale big-eared bat | | SSC | BLM Sensitive | Group 2 | Caves, mines, buildings; variety of habitats, arid and mesic | Low |
| Nyctinomops femorosaccus | Pocketed free-tailed bat | | SSC | | Group 2 | Crevices in rocks, slopes, cliffs; lower elevations | Moderate foraging, no roosting |
| Chaetodipus fallax pallidus | pallid San Diego pocket mouse | | SSC | | Group 2 | Chaparral, open, sandy areas | Low |

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Federal Status | State Status | BLM | County of San Diego | Habitat | Potential to Occur On-site |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Invertebrates | | | | | | | |
| Euphydryas editha quino | Quino checkerspot | Е | | | Group 1 | Coastal sage scrub | Low |
| | butterfly | | | | | _ | |

Status Codes:

State/Federal Status

BEGEPA = protected under the federal Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

BLM Sensitive = species that may require federal T/E listing, or with small and widely dispersed populations, or inhabiting ecological refugia or unique habitats.

CFP = California Fully Protected species.

D = Delisted.

E = Endangered.

SSC = California Species of Special Concern.

T = Threatened.

County of San Diego Status

Group I = animal species that are listed as threatened or endangered or have very specific natural history requirements that must be met.

Group II = animal species that are becoming less common, but are not yet so rare that extirpation or extinction is imminent without immediate action.

APPENDIX C

SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES POTENTIALLY OCCURRING WITHIN THE PROPOSED PROJECT SITE

| Scientific Name Common Name | State/ Federal Status | CNPS List | County of San Diego | Habitat/Blooming Period | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Astragalus douglasii var. perstrictus Jacumba milk-vetch | -/- | 1B | Group A | Chaparral, cismontane woodland, valley and foothill grassland/rocky; blooms Apr-May. | Not expected to occur, as there is a lack of suitable habitat on-site. |
| Astragalus magdalenae var. peirsonii Peirson's milk-vetch | SE/FT | 1B | Group A | Perennial herb; desert dunes; blooms Dec-Apr; elevation 180-820 ft. | Not expected to occur as project site is well out of species known elevation range. |
| Ayenia compacta Ayenia | -/- | 4 | Group B | Mojave desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub/rocky. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as habitat is not appropriate. |
| Berberis fremontii Fremont barberry | / | 3 | Group C | Chaparral, Joshua tree woodland, piñon and juniper woodland/rocky; blooms Apr-June. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during survey. Furthermore, there is a lack of suitable habitat on-site. |
| Bursera microphylla Elephant tree | / | 2 | Group B | Deciduous tree; Sonoran Desert scrub (rocky); blooms June-July, elevation 656-2,296 feet. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during the survey. |
| Calliandra eriophylla Fairyduster | / | 2 | Group B | Sonoran Desert scrub (sandy or rocky); blooms Mar-Apr. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, habitat is inappropriate. |
| Caulanthus simulans Payson's jewelflower | / | 4.2 | Group D | Annual herb; chaparral, coastal scrub on sandy, granitic substrate; blooms (Feb) Mar-May (June); elevation 295- 7,282 ft. | Low to moderate potential to occur based on habitat preference; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Chamaesyce platysperma Flat-seeded spurge | / | 1B | Group A | Sonoran Desert (Coachella Valley) on sandy soils; blooms in May. | Low potential to occur. There is a known occurrence in Coachella valley, approximately 23 miles away from the project site directly. Widespread in southwest Arizona. |
| Croton wigginsii Wiggin's croton | / | 2 | n.a. | Sand dunes; blooms Mar-May. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as habitat is not present on-site. |

| Scientific Name Common Name | State/ Federal Status | CNPS List | County of San Diego | Habitat/Blooming Period | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Cynanchum utahense Utah vine milkweed | / | 4.2 | Group D | Perennial herb; Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub on sandy or gravelly substrate; blooms Apr- June, elevation 492-4,707 ft. | Low potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Deinandra floribunda Tecate tarplant | / | 1B | Group A | Chaparral, coastal scrub; blooms Aug-Oct. | Not expected to occur on-site due to lack of suitable habitat. |
| Delphinium parishii ssp. subglobosum Colorado Desert larkspur | / | 4.3 | Group D | Perennial herb; Chaparral, cismontane woodland, pinyon and juniper woodland, Sonoran desert scrub; blooms Mar-June; elevation 1,968-5,904 ft. | Low potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Dieteria asteroids var. lagunensis Mount Laguna aster | -/- | 2 | n.a. | Cismontane woodland, lower montane coniferous forest; blooms Aug-Oct. | Not expected to occur on-site due to lack of suitable habitat. |
| Eryngium aristulatum ssp. parishii San Diego button-celery | SE/FE | 1B | Group A | Annual/perennial herb; coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland, vernal pools/mesic; blooms Apr-June; elevation 66-2,034 ft. | Low potential. Not observed on-site. |
| Eucnide rupestris (=Hemizonia conjugens) Rock nettle | / | 2 | Group B | Sonoran Desert scrub; blooms Dec- Apr. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this habitat is marginal and would have been detected. |
| Geraea viscida Sticky geraea | -/- | 2 | Group B | Chaparral (often in disturbed areas); blooms May-June. | Not observed. Not expected to occur due to lack of suitable habitat |
| Harpagonella palmeri Palmer's grappling hook | / | 4.2 | Group D | valley and foothill grassland on clay substrates; blooms Mar-May; elevation 65-3,132 ft. | Low potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Helianthus niveus Variegated dudleya | /E | 1B | n.a. | Open sandy places; blooms Sept-May. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during survey. |
| Herissantia crispa Curly herissantia | / | 2 | Group B | Annual/perennial herb; Sonoran Desert scrub; blooms Apr (uncommon)/Aug-Sept; elevation 2,296-2,378 ft. | Low potential to occur. Suitable habitat does not occur on-site. The project site is out of the species' known elevation range. |
| Heuchera brevistaminea Laguna Mountains alumroot | / | 1B | Group A | Riparian, chaparral, foothill woodland, mixed evergreen forest; blooms Apr-Jul/Sept. (uncommon). | Low potential. Not observed. |

| Scientific Name Common Name | State/ Federal Status | CNPS List | County of San Diego | Habitat/Blooming Period | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Hulsea californica | _/_ | 1B | Group A | Openings in yellow pine forest; | Not observed. Not expected to occur due to |
| San Diego sunflower | | | | blooms Apr-Jun. | lack of suitable habitat |
| Hulsea mexicana Mexican hulsea | / | 2.3 | Group B | Annual/perennial herb; chaparral (volcanic, often on burns or disturbed areas); blooms Apr-June; elevation 3,936 ft. | Low potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Ipomopsis tenuifolia Slender-leaved ipomopsis | / | 2 | Group B | Chaparral, piñon and juniper woodland, Sonoran Desert scrub/gravelly or rocky soils; blooms Mar-May. | Low potential. Habitat is marginal. |
| Linanthus bellus Desert beauty | / | 2 | Group B | Chaparral (sandy); blooms Apr-May. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as habitat is not present. |
| Lotus haydonii Pygmy lotus | / | 1B | Group A | Piñon and juniper woodland, Sonoran Desert scrub (rocky); blooms Mar- Jun. | Not observed. Not expected to occur, as this species would have been detected during surveys. |
| Lupinus excubitus var. medius Mountain Springs bush lupine | _/_ | 1B | Group A | Desert scrub; blooms Mar-Apr. | Not observed. Habitat is not present for this species. |
| Mentzelia hirsutissima Hairy stickleaf | / | 2 | Group B | Annual herb; Sonoran Desert scrub (rocky); blooms Apr-May; elevation 0-2,296 ft. | Not observed. Habitat is not present for this species. |
| Mentzelia tridentata Creamy blazing star | -/- | 1B | n.a. | Mojave Desert scrub/rocky, gravelly, sandy; blooms Apr-May. | Low potential to occur. Marginally suitable habitat does occur on-site. |
| Mimulus aridus low bush monkeyflower | / | 4.3 | Group D | Evergreen shrub; chaparral; blooms Apr-July; elevation 2,460-3,608 ft. | Not expected. Habitat is not present for this species.; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Nemacaulis denudata var. gracilis Slender woolly-heads | / | 2 | Group B | Dunes; coastal strand, creosote bush scrub; blooms Mar-May. | Not expected. Habitat is not present for this species. |
| Opuntia munzii Munz's cholla | / | 1B | Group A | hills, sandy to rocky soils; blooms in May; elevation 492-1,968 ft. | Not observed. Habitat is not present for this species. Would have been observed on-site. |
| Penstemon thurberi Thurber's beardtongue | / | 4.2 | Group D | Perennial herb; chaparral, Joshua tree woodland, pinyon and juniper woodland, Sonoran desert scrub; blooms May-July; elevation 3,936-4,002 ft. | Low potential to occur based on habitat preferences; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |

| Scientific Name Common Name | State/ Federal Status | CNPS List | County of San Diego | Habitat/Blooming Period | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Rhus trilobata var. simplicifolia Single-leaved skunk bush | / | 2.3 | Group B | Deciduous shrub; pinyon and juniper woodland; blooms Mar-Apr; elevation 4,002-4,494 ft. | Not expected to occur. Would have been detected on-site if present. Also out of elevation range. |
| Selaginella eremophila Desert spikemoss | / | 1B | Group B | Rhizomatous herb; Sonoran Desert scrub (gravelly or rocky); blooms June/May and July (uncommon); elevation 656-2,952 ft. | Low potential to occur. However, the project site is out of the species' known elevation range. |
| Senecio aphanactis Chaparral ragwort | / | 2.2 | Group B | Annual herb; chaparral, cismontane woodland; coastal scrub/sometimes alkaline: blooms Jan-Apr; elevation 49-2,624 ft. | Not expected to occur. Marginal habitat onsite, project is slightly out of the species' known elevation range. |
| Senna covesii Cove's cassia | / | 2.2 | Group B | Perennial herb; Sonoran desert scrub; blooms Mar-June; elevation 1,000-3,510 ft. | Low potential to occur based on habitat preference; CNDDB search did not show known occurrences within the vicinity of the project. |
| Tetrococcus dioicus Parry's tetracoccus | / | 1B | Group A | Chaparral, coastal scrub; blooms Apr-May. | Not observed. Not expected to occur due to lack of suitable habitat |
| Texosporium sancti-jacobi woven-spored lichen | ST/ | n.a. | n.a. | Lichen; organic matter and organic soil in sagebrush, old fenceposts, or other wood | Low to moderate potential. |

STATUS CODES

State/Federal Status

FE = federally listed endangered

FT = Federally listed threatened

SE = State listed endangered

ST = State listed threatened

SR = State listed rare

County of San Diego Status

Group A = Plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere.

Group B = Plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California but more common elsewhere.

Group C = Plants which may be quite rare, but need more information to determine true rarity status.

Group D = Plants limited in distribution and uncommon but not presently rare or endangered.

California Native Plant Society Status

- 1A = Species presumed extinct.
- 1B = Species rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere. These species are eligible for state listing.
- 2 = Species rare, threatened, or endangered in California but more common elsewhere. These species are eligible for state listing.
- 3 = Species for which more information is needed. Distribution, endangerment, and/or taxonomic information is needed.
 - = A watch list of species of limited distribution. These species need to be monitored for changes in the status of their populations.

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Appendix C.7 March 26, 2009 Comment Letter from USFWS: Comments on the NOI to Prepare an EIS; Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC



United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To: FWS-SDG-09B0210-09FA0023



MAR 26 2009

Dr. Jerry Pell
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20)
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Subject: Comments on the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC

Dear Dr. Pell:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the Department of Energy Notice of Intent (NOI) for the proposed action granting a Presidential Permit to Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC, to construct a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Mexico border. The transmission line would involve the construction, operation, and maintenance of new transmission infrastructure in southeastern San Diego County, including land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (e.g., Jacumba Wilderness Area and Roosevelt Reservation). The NOI presents two route alternatives, both within 1 mile of each other.

The proposed transmission line project was mentioned in the NEPA analysis for the Sunrise Powerlink as an interconnected project that would require a separate approval process. As such, the proposed project was not addressed under Endangered Species Act formal consultation for the Sunrise Powelink project.

The following comments are provided for your use and information in preparing the environmental impact statement (EIS):

Based on our review of the NEPA documents for the Sunrise Powerlink project, it
appears the proposed project may impact wildlife movement, including Peninsular
bighorn sheep (PBS). This potential impact should be assessed in the EIS including a
discussion of appropriate avoidance and minimization measures. Mitigation to offset
unavoidable impacts should also be addressed in the context of the NEPA analysis.



- PBS and Quino checkerspot butterfly (QCB) proposed and designated critical habitats are
 within or immediately adjacent to the proposed alternative alignments. Impacts to the
 species and critical habitat should be addressed, including increased non-native invasive
 plants, fire, etc. from the transmission line on the primary constituent elements of the
 critical habitats.
- 3. The EIS should include all the necessary information to accurately quantify the potential direct and indirect impacts of each project component on listed species (e.g., PBS and QCB) and their habitats. A series of maps should be included that depict the locations of project features, such as towers, permanent and temporary access roads, and staging areas. These maps, at a minimum, should also include vegetation types, known occurrences of listed species, suitable habitat for listed species, and proximity of project alignments to designated and proposed critical habitats. The information requested above should be based on up to date habitat assessments and species surveys in the project area.
- 4. The federally-listed PBS and QCB are known to occur within or near the project area; therefore, consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act may be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Goebel

Assistant Field Supervisor

cc:

USFWS, Pacific Southwest Region Vijai N. Rai, OEPC Regional Environmental Officer, OAK BCPA (ERT) Appendix C.8 February 23, 2010, Letter from DOE to USFWS: Initiation of Informal Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act



Department of Energy Washington, DC 20585

23 February 2010

Ms. Karen Goebel Assistant Field Supervisor Carlsbad Fish & Wildlife Office U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Suite 101 Carlsbad, California 92011

<u>Subject</u>: Energía Sierra Juarez (ESJ-US) Transmission Line Project; Initiation of Informal Consultation Under §7 of the Endangered Species Act pursuant to 50 CFR 402.08, and Designation of Non-Federal Representative

Dear Ms. Goebel:

Energía Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC (ESJ-US), proposes to construct and operate the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line, an electric transmission line project that would cross the U.S./Mexico border in the southeast corner of San Diego County, approximately 4 miles (6.4 km) east of Jacumba, California.

ESJ-US would construct either a double-circuit 230-kilovolt (kV) or a single-circuit 500-kV electric transmission line which would ultimately connect up to 1,250 megawatts (MW) of energy from renewable energy generators to be located in the general vicinity of La Rumorosa, Northern Baja California, Mexico (Ejido Jacume), with the Imperial Valley-Miguel segment of the Southwest Powerlink (SWPL) 500-kV transmission line. The proposed transmission line would have a total length of approximately 1.65 miles (2.65 km), including both the U.S. and Mexican portions of the line. The U.S. portion of the proposed line would be constructed on up to either five lattice towers or five steel monopoles over a distance of approximately 0.65 miles (1 km). San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) would provide the interconnection to the U.S. transmission grid system for the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line project at its proposed East County (ECO) Substation. Project location maps are attached, and a great deal of additional project information is available on the Web site for the preparation of the DOE environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act at http://esiprojecteis.org.

Executive Order (E.O.) 10485 (September 9, 1953), as amended by E.O. 12038 (February 7, 1978) and 10 CFR §205.320 *et seq* (2000), requires that a Presidential permit be issued by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) before electric transmission facilities may be constructed, operated, maintained, or connected at the U.S. international border. On December 18, 2007, Baja

Wind U.S. Transmission, LLC (now known as ESJ-US), a subsidiary of Sempra Generation (Sempra), applied to DOE for a Presidential permit in accordance with the above regulations. The Presidential permit (OE Docket Number PP-334), if issued, would authorize ESJ-US to construct, operate, maintain, and connect the ESJ U.S. Transmission Line to the electrical grid.

In this permitting capacity, DOE serves as the "Action Agency" with responsibility for consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act. Accordingly, this letter is intended to advise the Service that we are designating ENTRIX, Inc., our EIS-preparation consultant, as the non-federal representative for purposes of engaging in informal consultation with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402.08, including preparation of a biological assessment as appropriate.

We have been given to understand that representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the California Public Utilities Commission may have been in recent contact with Ms. Jessie Bennett of your office regarding the proposed ECO Substation project, the proposed ESJ-US Project as it pertains to the ECO Substation, and the proposed Iberdrola Renewable's Tule Wind Project. You may wish to consider designating Ms. Bennett as the Service's point-of-contact for our purposes as well.

Finally, we respectfully request from the Service an updated species list for the Action Area pursuant to 50 CFR 402.12(e). Please provide this material to Mr. Rick Williams of ENTRIX at rwilliams@entrix.com. He may also be reached at 916-386-3816.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me at 202-586-3362 or at Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov.

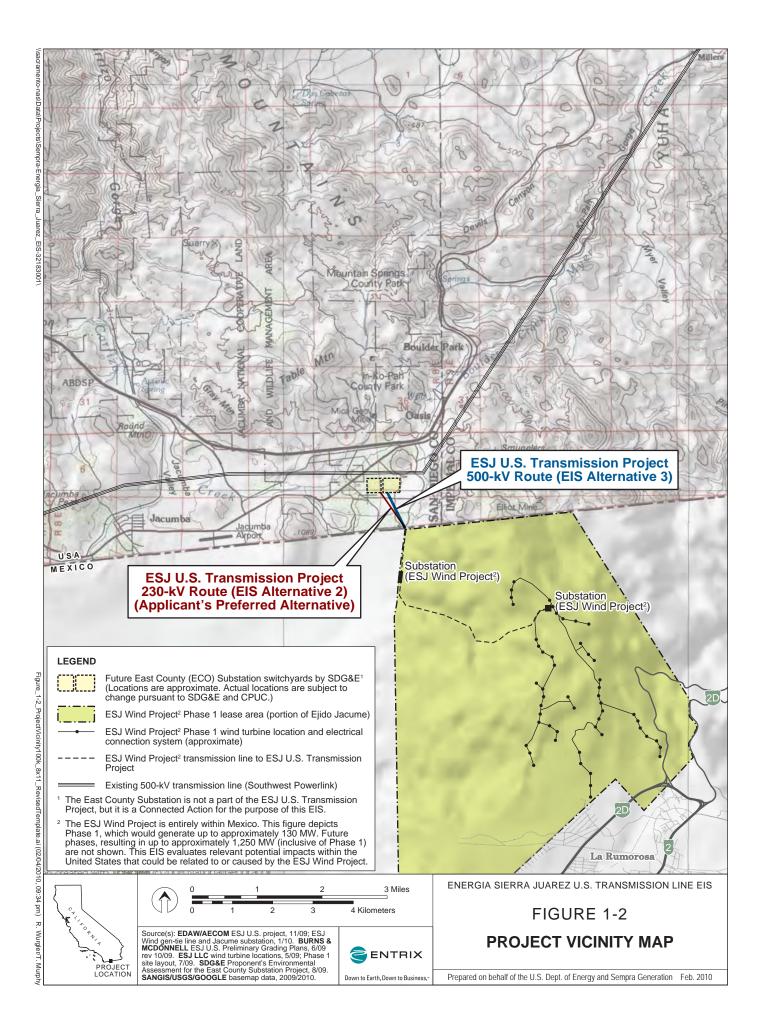
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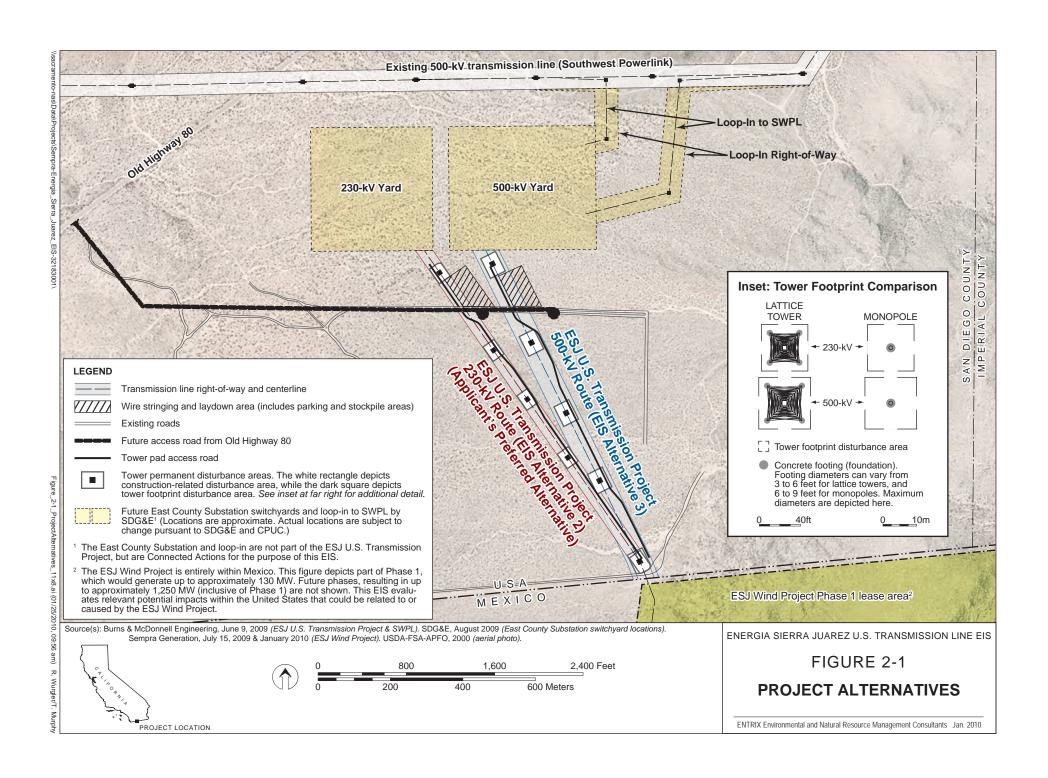
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Appendix C.9 March 24, 2010, Letter from USFWS: Request for Informal Section 7 Consultation on the Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Line



United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To: FWS-SDG-10B023I-I0SL0439

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Subject:

Request for Informal Section 7 Consultation on the Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez

Transmission Line, San Diego County, California

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is in response to the inquiry dated and received February 23, 2010, concerning federally endangered, threatened, proposed and candidate species that occur or may occur near or within the project area for the proposed Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Line, San Diego County, California. The Department of Energy has designated ENTRIX as the non-Federal representative for section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

The proposed project involves the construction of either a double-circuit 230-kilovolt (kV) or a single-circuit 500-kV electric transmission line that would ultimately connect up to 1,250 megawatts of energy from renewable energy generators. The renewable energy generators would be located in the general vicinity of La Rumorosa, Northern Baja California, Mexico and connect to the Imperial Valley-Miguel segment of the Southwest Powerlink (SWPL) 500-kV transmission line. The proposed transmission line would have a total length of about 1.65 miles (2.65 kilometers), including both the United States and Mexican portions of the line. The United States portion of the proposed line would be constructed on up to either five lattice towers or five steel monopoles over a distance of about 0.62 miles (one kilometer). San Diego Gas and Electric is expected to provide for interconnection at the proposed East County Substation. To assist you in evaluating the potential occurrence of these species within the area of interest, we are providing the enclosed list.

Based on information currently available to us, the federally endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) occurs within the general region and could occur within your project area. We recommend completing a habitat assessment and/or survey for this species, as



appropriate, in accordance with our Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Survey Protocol¹. In addition, we recommend that project proponents seek assistance from a biologist familiar with the habitat conditions and associated species in and around the project site to assess the potential for direct, indirect and cumulative impacts to other federally listed species on the enclosed list. We are available to help develop specific design criteria to avoid or minimize effects to federally listed species, as necessary.

Should you have any questions regarding the species list provided, or your responsibilities under the Act, please contact Jesse Bennett of my staff at (760) 431-9440 ext 305.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Goebel

Assistant Field Supervisor

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Enclosure

cc:

Jerry Pell, Department of Energy

USFWS (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). 2002. Quino checkerspot butterfly survey protocol. 6 pp.+Appendix

Federally Listed, Proposed and Candidate Species That Occur or May Occur in the Vicinity of the Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Line San Diego County, California

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Status | Critical Habitat in Project Area? |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---|
| <u>INVERTEBRATES</u> | | | |
| Quino checkerspot butterfly | Euphydryas editha quino | E (CH) | No |
| | | | |
| <u>AMPHIBIANS</u> | | | |
| arroyo toad | Bufo (=Anaxyrus) californicus | E (CH, PCH) | No |
| BIRDS | | 1011) | |
| southwestern willow flycatcher | Empidonax traillii extimus | E (CH) | No |
| California condor | Gymnogyps califonianus | E (CH) | No |
| least Bell's vireo | , ,,, | , , | No |
| least belt's vireo | Vireo bellii pusillus | E (CH) | INU |

E: Endangered

T: Threatened

CH: Critical habitat designated

PCH: Critical habitat proposed

Appendix C.10 March 8, 2011, Letter from DOE to USFWS: Conclusion of Informal Consultation Under §7 of the Endangered Species Act pursuant to 50 CFR 402.08



Department of Energy Washington, DC 20585

8 March 2011

Mr. Jesse Bennett Fish and Wildlife Biologist Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Suite 101 Carlsbad, California 92011

Subject: Energía Sierra Juarez Transmission Line Project; Conclusion of Informal Consultation Under §7 of the Endangered Species Act pursuant to 50 CFR 402.08

Dear Mr. Bennett:

As you know, the Department of Energy (DOE) is the lead federal agency for issuance of a Presidential permit to Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC (ESJ) for their proposed Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Line Project (ESJ Project), proposed to be located in southeastern San Diego County. DOE's 23 February 2010 letter to Ms. Karen Goebel of the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) provided project information, and indicated that ENTRIX, Inc. (now Cardno ENTRIX), is DOE's designated non-federal representative for this project.

The following sets forth the essence of our informal Endangered Species Act (ESA) telephone consultation with you on 25 August 2010 regarding the ESJ Project, and requests concurrence from FWS that informal consultation is complete and no further consultation is planned pursuant to §7 of the ESA:

RECORD OF 25 AUGUST 2010 CONFERENCE CALL

Teleconference Participants

The following persons participated in the 25 August 2010 conference call:

- Mr. Jesse Bennett, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, FWS Carlsbad Office
- Dr. Jerry Pell, Principal NEPA Document Manager; Permitting, Siting, and Analysis (OE-20); Office of Electricity Delivery and Reliability, DOE
- Mr. Richard Williams, Cardno ENTRIX (consultant to DOE and designated non-federal representative for DOE/FWS consultation)
- Mr. Tim Murphy, Cardno ENTRIX (consultant to DOE)

Potential Effects on Federally Listed Species

With respect to the ESJ transmission line in the U.S., FWS staff indicated that there are sufficient data to support a determination of "no effect" for the listed species identified in the 24 March 2010 letter from the Service to DOE, as follows:

- Regarding the federally-listed endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly (QCB; *Euphydryas editha quino*), FWS recognizes that the ESJ Project transmission line is located approximately 3.6 miles (5.8 km) east of the nearest designated critical habitat for QCB; as such, the proposed ESJ Project would not result in the destruction or adverse modification of such habitat. In addition, neither QCB nor the species larval host plants were observed during recent protocol surveys in the ESJ Project area, although nectar sites for butterflies were identified throughout the survey area.
- With regard to the federally-listed endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep (PBS; Ovis Canadensis nelsoni), FWS recognizes that the ESJ transmission line would be located approximately 2.3 miles (3.7 km) southwest of the nearest designated critical habitat for PBS; as a result, the proposed ESJ Project would not result in the destruction or adverse modification of such habitat. The ESJ Project area includes some of the key foraging habitat requirements (e.g., valley bottoms and washes) identified as primary constituent elements for bighorn sheep recovery, and there are anecdotal reports of sheep occurrences in the Project vicinity¹. Hence the Project would result in the permanent loss of a small amount of potential foraging habitat for the species within the Project footprint. This habitat loss represents a very small portion of the foraging habitat available to bighorn sheep in the region, and is not likely to adversely affect the sheep population. However, interested parties have expressed concern about the potential for the Project to create a barrier to sheep movement and result in habitat fragmentation. There are limited empirical data pertaining to bighorn sheep avoidance of transmission lines. The FWS, in its Certificate of Right-of-Way Compatibility² issued to Southern California Edison for the Devers-Palo Verde No. 1 500 kV transmission line, stated that Data currently available do not indicate any discernable impact on movement of bighorn sheep across the existing single transmission line ROW. This finding suggests that the ESJ transmission line by itself would not serve as a deterrent to sheep movement through the area following construction.

¹ Boulevard Planning Group, comments on DOE/EIS-0414: DEIS for Sempra Generation's Energia Sierra Juarez Presidential Permit Application (PPA-334), 1 November 2010.

² U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Certificate of Right-of-Way Compatibility, Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, 1 March 1989.

• With respect to other federally-listed threatened or endangered species that were listed in the FWS letter of 24 March 2010, the Project site lacks suitable riparian and woodland habitat for arroyo toad (*Bufo californicus*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*); therefore, these species are considered to have a low potential to occur onsite, and construction and operation of the ESJ Project is expected to have no effect on these species. The Project site is also within the range of the California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*); however, this species is considered to have a very low probability of occurring in the Project area based on limited distribution within its historic range and the absence of recent sightings in the ESJ Project vicinity (with the exception of a 2007 sighting near Jacumba). Moreover, the design of the transmission line would conform to current standards for avian protection to negate the potential for condor electrocution. Therefore, construction and operation of the ESJ Project is not expected to adversely affect California condors.

Transboundary Impacts

With respect to transboundary (cross-border) impacts, FWS explained that their policy is to not assess impacts that could occur in foreign nations resulting from actions in the U.S. Subsequent to our 25 August 2010 teleconference call, FWS provided to DOE a copy of an 11 January 2005 letter from FWS to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation related to the All-American Canal Lining Project. The letter describes FWS policy on cross-border impacts and explains why FWS does not attempt to assess impacts that occur in foreign nations resulting from actions in the U.S.

CONCLUSION OF INFORMAL CONSULTATION

In terms of concluding the informal consultation process, FWS indicated that informal consultation is now considered closed, but that the Carlsbad office typically does not issue concurrence letters for projects that have "no effect" under ESA §7. Be that as it may, we would very much appreciate receiving written concurrence for inclusion in the Final EIS in order to substantiate that we have performed due diligence in this important matter. However, absent such a letter of concurrence or other written response from FWS, the default assumption will be that FWS is comfortable with DOE's determination that the ESJ Project would have "no effect" on federally-listed species.

You may wish to note that this letter and any written material received from the Service in response will be posted on the Project NEPA Web site (http://esjprojecteis.org) and included in the Final EIS, as appropriate.

Thank you very much for your valuable assistance with our NEPA process for the ESJ Project. Please feel free to contact me at any time by e-mail (preferred) at Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov, or by phone at 202-586-3362. You or your staff may also contact Richard Williams of Cardno ENTRIX by e-mail at Richard.Williams@cardno.com, or by phone at 916-386-3816.

Very truly yours,

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Memorandum

To:

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From:

Manager, California-Nevada Operations Office

Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento, California

Subject:

Endangered Species Act Considerations in Mexico for the All-American Canal Lining

Project

Thank you for your memorandum of November 18, 2005, and attached Biological Analysis (BA), describing the potential effects of lining the All-American Canal to threatened and endangered species in Mexico. The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), through section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (Act), is currently consulting with your Agency to address the effects to threatened and endangered species within the United States.

Because your request regarding potential transboundary effects raises issues that could arise in many geographic locations and contexts, we have coordinated this response through our regional and Washington offices. With respect to your request for guidance on the most appropriate process to address concerns regarding potential effects of the Canal Lining Project in the Republic of Mexico, neither section 7 of the ESA, nor the section 7 consultation and analysis process under the ESA's implementing regulations addresses species outside the borders of the United States. Nothing in the plain language of section 7 indicates that it applies to transboundary effects. We note that Congress explained the necessity for the ESA, in part, because of the need to protect species "in the United States," 16 U.S.C. § 1539(1)(3). While the footprint of the All-American Canal project rests entirely within the United States and, therefore, is subject to section 7 consultation, the consideration of all potential indirect effects of the Canal Lining Project would require an examination of potential effects that occur on the Mexican side of the border. From a practical point of view, reviewing effects in foreign lands is difficult, at best, and sometimes impossible: foreign powers may not grant access to allow the necessary surveying or observation needed to assess any effects.

Further, because critical habitat is not designated in foreign countries, section 7's prohibition against adverse modification or destruction of critical habitat does not apply. Finally, we note that the take prohibitions contained in section 9 of the ESA do not apply within the territory of foreign countries.



Therefore, an incidental take statement and any reasonable and prudent measures developed through section 7 consultation would not contain measures related to those effects inside Mexico. Noting the domestic orientation of the section 7 process, including the intentional effort in the consultation regulations to avoid interference with the sovereignty of foreign nations, it would be inappropriate to include an examination of transboundary indirect effects as part of this consultation. Given all these considerations, the section 7 consultation for All-American Canal project does not address potential effects of the Canal Lining Project in Mexico.

Moreover, our conclusion regarding the plain language of the ESA found in section 7 should be contrasted with the express provisions of the ESA found in section 8 that addresses "International Cooperation." In light of the fact that FWS does not have the unilateral authority to protect species that are present in foreign nations, section 8 of the Act deals with ESA issues beyond the borders of the United States through the mechanisms of financial assistance, encouragement of foreign programs, and "research abroad." Specifically, under section 8 of the Act, with appropriate consultation through the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Interior has the ability to assist in conservation efforts for listed species outside the U.S. Given this statutory direction, we would be interested in working with you and our Mexican counterparts to address cross-border habitat and species conservation issues, including efforts to address concerns that arise as a result of the Canal Lining Project.

The Service has reviewed the information provided by Reclamation regarding extra-territorial effects of the All-American Canal Lining project on federally listed species utilizing the Andrade Mesa Toe Wetlands (AMTW). The BA describes effects of the Project on two listed species, the federally endangered Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) and endangered southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*). We do not have site specific information from Mexico that would add to your analysis, and we concur that the BA captures the probable range of effects to these two species in the United States. We concur with your determination that the project is not likely to adversely affect the southwestern willow flycatcher given that the species' use of the AMTW is apparently by a few transient individuals, and is limited to a vegetation community that is likely to be affected minimally by the decrease in water level as described in the information provided.

For the Yuma clapper rail, some marsh habitat could be lost as a result of the project. The AMTW contain 525.4 acres of marsh, which consist of open water, cattail (*Typha* spp.), and salt grass (*Distichlis spicata*) vegetation associations. The AMTW marsh habitat would be expected to be impacted by the Project. However, because the degree to which the AMTW marshes are sustained by seepage from the AAC is unknown, the potential effect of lining the AAC on the AMTW marshes is difficult to determine. There may be a contribution of water to the wetlands from the remaining unlined section of the AAC or adjacent farmlands. Groundwater levels in the vicinity of the AMTW are expected to decline by less than 1 meter over 10 years as a result of the project (Mexican Delegation 2005). Based on this expected groundwater decline, surface water elevations in the AMTW could similarly decline by up to 1 meter over 10 years. Emergent vegetation is expected to follow the declining surface water elevations. If the marshes are greater than one meter in depth, then some emergent vegetation would remain. However, Reclamation did not have, and therefore could not provide, information on the water depth of the existing marshes. The Sonoran Institute recently prepared a report on the potential effects of the AAC Lining Project and estimated that 502.3 acres of marsh habitat would be lost (consisting of 58.5 acres of open water, 130 acres of salt grass, and 313.8 acres of cattail; Arroyo et al. 2005).

Any impacts to approximately 502 acres of marsh (including 314 acres of emergent vegetation) are significant in the Colorado River delta region, which was presumed to have historically supported large areas of marsh before development. While the AMTW marshes are apparently artificially formed and maintained, their presence is nevertheless important for various species of wildlife, including the Yuma clapper rail. As a result, the Yuma clapper rail estimated population of 172 birds (based on the detection of 16 individuals in call surveys; Hinojosa-Huerta et al. 2004a) in the AMTW could be impacted. This number of Yuma clapper rails would represent a small fraction of the entire United States and Mexico population. For example, when compared to the largest distinct Yuma clapper rail population in Mexico for which data is available, located in the Cienega de Santa Clara, the number of birds potentially affected by the AAC Lining Project would represent less than 3 to 4 percent of the Cienega de Santa Clara population. Estimates of the population at the Cienaga de Santa Clara (based on call counts) have ranged up to 6,629 in 2001 (Hinojosa-Huerta et al. 2001). The estimate for 2004 was 4,000 individuals (Hinojosa-Huerta et al. 2004b).

The changes in water level are expected to occur slowly (i.e., decline by less than 1 meter over 10 years as a result of the Project; Mexican Delegation 2005). This gradual change will allow migration of the emergent vegetation with these changes in water level, and intra-season water level changes are expected to be minimal (approximately 2 inches across the course of a single breeding season). Changes of this magnitude are not expected to result in direct harm to individual Yuma clapper rail adults or abandonment of nests resulting in the loss of chicks. Such gradual changes are more likely to result in movement of adults out of the impacted area prior to nesting if the water levels in individual ponded areas become too shallow to support the appropriate vegetative structure and/or prey abundance.

There will be an overall net loss of up to approximately 314 acres of habitat for the Yuma clapper_rail in the Colorado River Delta/Salton Basin region. The actual amount could be substantially less if seepage from the area between Drops 3 and 4 and/or existing agriculture adjacent to the AMTW contribute substantial volumes of water to the shallow groundwater supporting the AMTW. An estimate of Yuma clapper rail habitat in the United States compiled by the Service exceeds 10,000 acres (data from National Wildlife Refuge files, Arizona Game and Fish Department and California Department of Fish and Game; compiled by Lesley Fitzpatrick, Arizona Ecological Services Office, USFWS). An estimate also has been developed for habitat in Mexico, and that estimate exceeds 15,000 acres (Hinojosa-Huerta et al. 2003). It is important to consider the potential loss of 314 acres or less of Yuma clapper rail habitat in this context. Given the species apparent abilities to disperse some distance (the Laughlin Bay and Las Vegas Wash locations are on the order of 80 miles from other areas known to be occupied by Yuma clapper rails), rails occupying the AMTW are likely to move to other habitat as the conditions slowly degrade. Habitat exists within an 80 mile radius at the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, the Imperial Wildlife Area, State and Federal lands along the lower Colorado River, and at the Cienaga de Santa Clara.

Primary conservation actions that would aid in the conservation of the Yuma clapper rail include preservation of breeding and wintering habitats, and the water that supports those habitats in the U.S. and Mexico. As part of this process, the Service would like to work with your office on ways to maintain or replace flows that currently support the Cienaga de Santa Clara. As habitat for the largest known population of Yuma clapper rails in Mexico, maintaining this habitat will be a key action in the conservation of the species in Mexico. Selenium contamination may be an issue in the Cienaga's

wetlands. Further examination of this situation, and assistance in management of the selenium, if appropriate, could increase the productivity of the clapper rails using the Cienaga de Santa Clara. The Service also recommends that we jointly work with Mexico to identify other opportunities to create or enhance clapper rail habitat in Mexico utilizing stable water sources. One opportunity may include the use of effluent from the planned Mexicali II treatment plant. Provided the water quality of the effluent is appropriate, it may be possible to create habitat with these flows that is able to support Yuma clapper rails and at the same time improve the quality of the discharge downstream. The Environmental Protection Agency is a co-sponsor of that project and may be able to facilitate such enhancements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Bartel, Field Supervisor at our Carlsbad Office, at 760-431-9440.

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